American Studies

Interim Chair
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Undergraduate major: American studies (BA)
Undergraduate minor: American studies
Graduate degrees: MA in American studies; PhD in American studies
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The Department of American Studies provides an interdisciplinary introduction to American culture, past and present. It helps students acquire a broad familiarity with the dynamics of cultural experience and explore aspects of life in the United States, such as sport, popular and fine arts, institutions, values, gender and ethnic relations, artifacts, and the everyday life of a diverse citizenry.

The department offers undergraduate programs of study in American studies as well as graduate programs of study in American studies, with a sport studies subprogram available in the PhD program of study.

The department also is the administrative home of the Native American and Indigenous Studies Program, which offers an undergraduate minor and undergraduate and graduate certificates; see Native American and Indigenous Studies in the catalog.