

# AMERICAN STUDIES MINOR

The minor in American Studies provides a framework within which students can focus their elective and related courses on the study of American history, literature, art, politics, ideas, and institutions. Students majoring in economics, English, history, fine arts, political science, sociology, and theology are especially encouraged to consider a minor in American Studies. By examining the United States from a variety of intellectual perspectives, American Studies minors will develop both a more nuanced understanding of the development and dynamics of American culture and a more sophisticated, interdisciplinary approach to academic study.

## Faculty

### Director

• Brian Yates

### Advisory Board

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## Learning Goals and Outcomes

**Goal 1:** Students minoring in American Studies will gain a stronger knowledge in the disciplines that make up this minor and thus articulate key aspects of United States history, politics, economics, culture (including art, religions, and literatures) and society.

**Objective 1.1:** Students will be trained to identify, define, or analyze key aspects of U.S. history, politics, economics, culture (including art, religions, and literatures) and society, using a variety of tools, methods, and perspectives, in order to gain knowledge and articulate their understanding in the disciplines that make up this minor.

**Goal 2:** Students will produce clear and persuasive analyses of relevant research questions generated by the interdisciplinary approaches offered in the minor of American studies.

**Objective 2.1:** Students will be able to practice a range of methodological perspectives and practices used to investigate and interpret topics in American Studies, and to present their findings effectively.

## Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Participants must choose a minimum of six courses from those listed below, with at least one from each group (and at least one in each group must be above 100 level):		
<b>History Group</b>		
HIS 201	U.S. History to 1877	3
HIS 202	U.S. History since 1865	3
HIS 360	Colonial America	3
HIS 361	America in Age of Revolutions	3
HIS 362	The American Civil War	3
HIS 363	American Medicine Since 1865	3
HIS 366	Reform and Reaction in the US	3
HIS 379	Black History Since Civil War	3
HIS 381	US in the World since WWI	3

HIS 382	American Foreign Policy	3
HIS 383	Food in American History	3
HIS 385	Women in America	3
HIS 386	American Environmental History	3
HIS 387	Popular Culture in the US	3
HIS 388	Reacting to the Past	3
HIS 391	American Military History	3
HIS 392	Museums, Monuments, and Media	3
HIS 471	Seminar in American History	3
HIS 483	Readings in American Hist	3
<b>English</b>		
ENG 201	Major American Writers	3
ENG 208	Special Topics in Literature	3
ENG 210	The Roaring Twenties	3
ENG 211	Black Popular Culture	3
ENG 215	Passing Narratives - Black Lit	3
ENG 216	Re-Reading the Sixties	3
ENG 217	Music & American Literature	3
ENG 321	Early American Literature	3
ENG 322	Amer Romantic & Trancend Lit	3
ENG 323	American Literature 1865-1915	3
ENG 324	Twentieth Century American Lit	3
ENG 325	Contemporary American Lit	3
ENG 327	Southern Literature	3
ENG 328	African American Literature	3
ENG 329	Black Women Writers	3
ENG 416	Rebellious Women Writers	3
or HON 310	Womens Writing as Emancipation	
ENG 417	Post-Soul Black Literature	3
ENG 420	American Authors	3
ENG 421	American Novel, 19th 20th Cent	3
ENG 423	Amer.Poetry, 19th & 20th Cent.	3
ENG 424	Contemporary American Poetry	3
ENG 425	American Drama	3
ENG 426	Nature & Environmental Writing	3
ENG 427	The Harlem Renaissance	3
ENG 428	The Beat Rebellion	3
ENG 429	The Civil Rights Movement	3
ENG 482	Literature & Culture	3
<b>Economics</b>		
ECN 480	Econ of Poverty & Income Dist	3
ECN 485	Economics of Food	3
ECN 452	Econ of Presidential Elections	3
<b>General Group</b>		
LIN 200	Introduction to Linguistics	3
LIN 250	Social Media Discourse	3
LIN 260	Language and the Law	3
LIN 340	Communication in Soc Contexts	3
MTF 142	History of Rock and Pop	3
MTF 257	American Music	3
MTF 291	American Film	3
PHL 450	American Philosophy	3

POL 111	Intro to American Politics	3
POL 150	First Year Seminar	3
POL 303	Political Ideology in America	3
POL 303	Political Ideology in America	3
POL 309	Advising and Advocacy	3
POL 311	Const Law:Rights & Civil Lib	3
POL 313	Public Policy	3
POL 316	State and Local Government	3
POL 318	Pennsylvania Politics	3
POL 319	Public Opinion & Media	3
POL 320	Injustice & the Law	3
POL 322	Campaigns & Elections	3
POL 323	Women and American Politics	3
POL 324	Race & Ethnic Politics in U.S.	3
POL 325	Intersectionality	3
POL 326	Protesting Inequality	3
POL 354	Superpower ColdWar Foreign Pol	3
POL 356	American Foreign Policy	3
POL 402	Capstone: Contentious Pol in US	3
REL 327	Religion & Race in Phila	3
SOC 102	Social Problems	3
SOC 208	Sociology of Gender	3
SOC 217	Mental Health & Society	3
SOC 225	Intro to American CJ	3
SOC 330	Urban Sociology	3
SOC 349	Poverty Ethics & Social Policy	3
SOC 378	Urban and Public Policy	3
THE 353	American Catholicism	3
THE 355	American Religious Thought	3
THE 360	Rel Vision in Film & Fiction	3