

# School of Interdisciplinary Studies

## American Studies (B.A.)

The program in American Studies has as its focus the institutions, arts, structure, and social processes of the United States. It emphasizes interdisciplinary work which integrates disciplinary perspectives. Students choose two broad areas within which to work.

American Studies graduates work in business, non-profit organizations, and media and culture industries. The B.A. in American Studies is also an excellent preparation for law school or graduate school. Each student designs his or her own program within specific guidelines and in consultation with a faculty advisor. The courses a student takes as part of the American Studies program may be given in any school within the university but will include American Studies courses and appropriate Interdisciplinary Studies courses. A list of courses which apply to the American Studies degree may be obtained from the academic advisors in the School of Interdisciplinary Studies. Double majors including American Studies are encouraged.

## Bachelor of Arts in American Studies

Degree Requirements (120 semester credit hours)

I. Core Curriculum Requirements<sup>1</sup>: 42 semester credit hours

Communication (6 semester credit hours)

3 semester credit hours Communication ([RHET 1302](#))

3 semester credit hours Communication Elective ([BIS 3320](#))<sup>2, 3</sup>

Social and Behavioral Sciences (15 semester credit hours)

6 semester credit hours Government ([GOVT 2301](#) and 2302)

6 semester credit hours History ([HIST 1301](#) and 2301)

3 semester credit hours Social and Behavior Sciences Elective

Humanities and Fine Arts (6 semester credit hours)

3 semester credit hours Fine Arts ([ARTS 1301](#))

3 semester credit hours Humanities ([AMS 2341](#))<sup>2</sup>

Mathematics and Quantitative Reasoning (6 semester credit hours)

3 semester credit hours College Algebra ([MATH 1306](#) or [MATH 1314](#))<sup>2</sup>

3 semester credit hours Statistics ([STAT 1342](#) or [PSY 2317](#))

Science (9 semester credit hours including at least one course with a substantial laboratory component)

II. Major Requirements: 54 semester credit hours<sup>4</sup> (42 semester credit hours beyond the Core Curriculum)

**Major Preparatory Courses (6 semester credit hours)**

One of the following:

[MATH 1306](#) College Algebra for the Non-Scientist<sup>2</sup>

[MATH 1314](#) College Algebra<sup>2</sup>

[MATH 1325](#) Applied Calculus I<sup>2</sup>

[MATH 2417](#) Calculus I<sup>2</sup>

One of the following:

[PSY 2317](#) Statistics for Psychology<sup>2</sup>

or [STAT 1342](#) Statistical Decision Making<sup>2</sup>

**Major Core Courses (12 semester credit hours)**

[AMS 3302](#) American Cultures

or [AMS 2341](#) American Studies for the Twenty-First Century<sup>2</sup>(at the lower division)

[BIS 3320](#) The Nature of Intellectual Inquiry<sup>2, 3</sup>

Two of the following courses:

[HIST 3369](#) United States Foreign Relations

[PSCI 3325](#) American Public Policy

[PSCI 3327](#) American Foreign Policy

**Major Related Courses (36 semester credit hours)**

In addition to the core requirements, students will take 18 semester credit hours of course work in each of two of the following disciplinary options, for a total of 36 semester credit hours:

The American Body Politic

Americans Past and Present

America and the World Community

American Business and Technology

American Literature and the Arts

Popular Culture

III. Elective Requirements: 36 semester credit hours

**Advanced Electives (6 semester credit hours)**

**Guided Elective (1 semester credit hour)**

## [BIS 1100](#)

### Free Electives (29 semester credit hours)

Students must complete 51 semester credit hours of upper-division course work to graduate of which 21 upper level semester credit hours have to be taken at UTD.

## Honors in American Studies

GPA: 3.900 cumulative GPA, 3.900 GPA in courses described below, and a total of 27 or 30 upper level UTD semester credit hours as described below. (The variation is determined by whether or not ([AMS 3302](#)) or ([AMS 2341](#)) is chosen). The total semester credit hours must be 30.

### Required courses:

[AMS 3302](#) American Cultures

or [AMS 2341](#) American Studies for Twenty-First Century (3 semester credit hours)

[BIS 3320](#) The Nature of Intellectual Inquiry (3 semester credit hours)

Two of [HIST 3369](#), [PSCI 3325](#) or [PSCI 3327](#) (6 semester credit hours)

Core Course of first chosen option area (3 semester credit hours)

Core Course of second chosen option area (3 semester credit hours)

One approved AMS course from option area 1 (3 semester credit hours)

One approved course from option area 2 (3 semester credit hours)

Options: (6 semester credit hours)

6 semester credit hours of Internship

3 semester credit hours of Internship and one approved three semester credit hour course from option area 1 or 2

### Notation on Transcript: Honors in Major

1. Curriculum Requirements can be fulfilled by other approved courses from accredited institutions of higher education. The courses listed in parentheses are recommended as the most efficient way to satisfy both Core Curriculum and Major Requirements at UT Dallas.
2. A required Major course that also fulfills a Core Curriculum requirement.
3. An additional IS course will be taken if BIS 3320 is used to satisfy the Core Curriculum Communication Elective requirement.
4. It will be 42 semester credit hours if MATH 1314, STAT 1342, BIS 3320 and AMS 2341 are taken as part of the students' core curriculum requirements.

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