

American Studies, BA



University of Wyoming

JUNIOR YEAR

Fall Semester			Hrs	Spring Semester			Hrs
AMST	2010	Introduction to American Studies *	3	Theme Courses **			9
AMST	2110	Cultural Diversity in America *	3	Upper Division AMST Core Course **			3
		Theme Courses **	6	Electives ***			3
		Upper Division AMST Core Course **	3				
TOTAL			15	TOTAL			15

SENIOR YEAR

Fall Semester			Hrs	Spring Semester			Hrs
AMST	4010	Independent Study **	3	AMST	4985	Senior Seminar *	C3 3
		OR		Upper Division Electives			12
AMST	4970	Internship (3 hrs) **					
		Theme Courses **	3				
		Upper Division AMST Core Course **	3				
		Electives ***	6				
TOTAL			15	TOTAL			15
						TOTAL UW HOURS	60
						TOTAL UW BA DEGREE HOURS	120

Successful completion of the +2 plan requires that a student remain continuously enrolled and graduate with the associate's degree from his or her respective community college. • This is a guide for course work in the major; actual course sequence may vary by student. Please refer to the online student degree evaluation. • Not all courses are offered every semester and some electives may have prerequisites. Students should review the course descriptions in the catalogs of their respective institutions and consult with their academic advisor to plan accordingly. • Academic plans and course schedules may need to be altered if ACT or Math Placement scores require a student to take pre-college courses (e.g., MATH 0900, 0921, or 0925) before taking required math or English courses.

University of Wyoming requirements:

Students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 to graduate. • Students must complete 42 hours of upper division (3000-level or above) coursework, 30 of which must be from the University of Wyoming. • Courses must be taken for a letter grade unless offered only for S/U.

UW College of Arts and Sciences requirements:

Students must take two "core" courses in addition to UW's University Studies Program requirements: Diversity in the United States (ASD) and Global Awareness (ASG). • No more than 60 hours in the major subject may be used toward the 120 credit hours required for graduation. • At least 30 hours in the major subject must be completed with a grade of C or better (the major may require more).

American Studies Program Notes:

The American Studies major lends itself to completion in the junior and senior years, thus accommodating transfer students and students that change majors. • Because American Studies is considered an international field with scholars all over the world and the US has transnational influence, students are strongly encouraged to consider participating in an international exchange opportunity and completing two full years of foreign language coursework.

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American Studies Program Notes con't:

* **Foundation Courses:** Students will take 12 hours of courses to include:

- AMST 2010 Introduction to American Studies (3 hrs)

- AMST 2110 Cultural Diversity in America (3 hrs)

- Two (2) additional lower-level, interdisciplinary courses (6 hrs) selected in consultation with an academic advisor. In the past, courses fulfilling these requirements have included: AAST 1000 (Introduction to African American Studies), AAST/INST 2240 (Introduction to African Studies), AIST/SOC 1350 (American Indians in Contemporary Society), LTST 1100 (Introduction to Chicano Studies), LTST 1300 (Introduction to Latina/o Studies), WMST 1080 (Introduction to Women's Studies), ENR 2000 (Environment and Society), HIST 1210 (United States History I), HIST 1211 (U.S. to 1865), HIST 1220 (United States History II), HIST 1221 (U.S. from 1865), and RELI 1000 (Introduction to Religion). Other courses may be available and an academic advisor can help identify those courses that best meet students' interests and career goals. It is also possible that the courses may fulfill a University Studies Program (USP) requirement. Academic advisors will be able to assist in this identification as well.

**** Concentration Courses:** Students will take 27 hours of courses to include:

- *Core Courses* (9 hrs): Three (3) American Studies upper division courses, excluding the senior seminar.

- *Theme Courses* (18 hrs): Students will work with their academic advisor in their junior year (or after completion of 60 hours of course work toward graduation) to develop and refine a proposed course of thematic study. Courses included in the thematic study must include six to nine (6 - 9) hours of credit in a single discipline. Of the 18 required hours, 15 must be at the upper division.

- *Capstone Courses* (6 hrs): Courses include AMST 4985 (Senior Seminar) plus an individual project stemming from either AMST 4010 (Independent Study) or AMST 4970 (Internship).

******* The University of Wyoming requires students to take 42 hours of upper division (3000-level and above) coursework, which is reflected in the plan. However, the American Studies faculty strongly encourage students to take 48 hours of upper division credit when possible through elective credits.