

American Studies, BA



University of Wyoming, 2015-16

Freshman Fall Semester					Hrs	Min	Grade	Notes
		USP First-Year Seminar			3		C	FY
		USP Human Culture			3			H; foreign language strongly recommended.
		USP Quantitative Reasoning			3			Q
ENGL	1010	College Composition and Rhetoric			3		C	C1
		American Studies Foundation Course *			3		C	
Credit hours subtotal:					15			

Freshman Spring Semester					Hrs	Min	Grade	Notes
		USP Human Culture			3			H; foreign language strongly recommended.
		USP Physical & Natural World			3			PN
		American Studies Foundation Course *			3		C	
		Electives			6			
Credit hours subtotal:					15			

Sophomore Fall Semester					Hrs	Min	Grade	Notes
		USP Communication 2			3		C	C2
		USP Physical & Natural World			3			PN
		USP US & Wyoming Constitutions			3			V
		A&S Core Global Awareness			3			ASG
AMST	2010	Introduction to American Studies *			3		C	
Credit hours subtotal:					15			

Sophomore Spring Semester					Hrs	Min	Grade	Notes
AMST	2110	Cultural Diversity in the US *			3		C	ASD
		Electives			12			
Credit hours subtotal:					15			

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, and consult with an academic advisor. • Not all courses are offered every semester and some electives may have prerequisites. Students should review the course descriptions in the *University Catalog* and consult with their academic advisor to plan accordingly.

University of Wyoming requirements

Students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 to graduate. • Students must complete 42 hours of upper division (3000/4000-level) 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. • University Studies Program (USP) Human Culture (H) and Physical & Natural World (PN) courses must be taken outside of the major subject, but can be cross-listed with the major.

College of Arts and Sciences requirements:

Students must take two "core" courses in addition to the USP 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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Junior Fall Semester				Hrs	Min Grade	Notes
Theme course **				6	C	
Upper Division AMST Core Course **				3	C	
Electives				6		
Credit hours subtotal:				15		
Junior Spring Semester				Hrs	Min Grade	Notes
Theme courses **				9	C	
Upper Division AMST Core Course **				3	C	
Electives				3		
Credit hours subtotal:				15		
Senior Fall Semester				Hrs	Min Grade	Notes
AMST	4010	Independent Study **		3	C	Can substitute AMST 4970 (Internship).
Theme course **				3	C	
Upper Division AMST Core Course**				3	C	
Electives ***				6		
Credit hours subtotal:				15		
Senior Spring Semester				Hrs	Min Grade	Notes
AMST	4985	Senior Seminar **		3	C	C3
Upper Division Electives				12		
Credit hours subtotal:				15		
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS:				120		

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.