

# AMERICAN STUDIES CONCENTRATION

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The American Studies Concentration is an interdisciplinary program of study that encourages a deeper understanding of the peoples and cultures of the United States and an appreciation of their place in the changing world. American Studies uses a range of materials, methodologies, and disciplinary perspectives to illuminate topics ranging from politics to popular culture. This is an 18 credit concentration. Students must have a primary concentration in the College of Business or a major in the College of Arts and Sciences. Students completing an American Studies Concentration will demonstrate the ability to:

- Analyze a wide variety of cultural and social artifacts in order to contribute to a richer understanding of the United States.
- Synthesize diverse scholarly approaches and theories in the study of the United States and its place in the world.
- Describe the diversity of “American experiences” both within and outside of the nation’s geographical and political boundaries.
- Demonstrate understanding of the significance of United States culture and politics in other parts of the globe.
- Communicate research findings and interpretations clearly and effectively.

## American Studies Concentration Requirements

LCS/HIS 282	Introduction to American Studies	3
HIS (one 300 or 400 level U.S. History course)		3
POLS or ECO (one Americanist Political Science or Economics course)		3
LCS (one Americanist LCS course)		3
Elective (one Americanist elective from LCS, HSS, or ECO Departments)		3
LCS 497	Directed Study in Literary and Cultural Studies <sup>1</sup>	3
or HIS 497	Directed Study in History	

A minimum of 18 credits is required for the concentration.

<sup>1</sup> One Directed Study “Senior Project” conducted with an instructor in the LCS or HIS Department.