

AMERICAN STUDIES (AMS) MINOR

Code	Title	Credits
Required Minor Courses		
HUM 2504	Introduction to American Studies	3
HUM 4104	Explorations in Advanced Humanities Topics	3
Subtotal		6
Elective Courses		
Select at least twelve credit hours from at least two of the following four areas: ¹		12
<i>Area I: Literature</i>		
ENGL 2804	Contemporary Native American Literatures ²	
ENGL 3624	Appalachian Literature	
ENGL 3654	Ethnic American Literature	
ENGL 4634	Studies in an American Author before 1900 (junior standing required) ²	
	or ENGL 4644 Studies in an American Author after 1900	
<i>Area II: History and Politics</i>		
HIST 1116	History of the United States	
HIST 2275	African-American History	
HIST 2276	African-American History	
HIST 3004	Colonial America	
HIST 3064		
HIST 3084	Recent America, 1917-Present	
HIST 3104		
HIST 3105	Women in U S History	
HIST 3114		
HIST 3106	Women in U S History	
HIST 3144	American Environmental History	
PSCI 1014	Introduction to United States Government and Politics	
PSCI 3255	The Politics of Race, Ethnicity and Gender	
	or PSCI 3256 The Politics of Race, Ethnicity and Gender	
PSCI 3754	American Political Theory ²	
<i>Area III: The Arts and Communication</i>		
HUM/RLCL 1504	Introduction to Popular Culture	
ARCH 4214	^{2, 3, 4}	
APS 2404	Folk Cultures in Appalachia	
APS 2434	The Cultural Politics of Music in Appalachia	
ART 3784	European and American Art Since 1900 ²	
ART 3884	American Art to 1914 ²	
CINE 3514	American Cinema Genres ²	
HUM/AINS 2104	Oral Traditions and Culture	
HUM/RLCL 3034	Theories of Popular Culture	
SOC 4114	The Sociology of Popular Music	
<i>Area IV: Cultural Studies</i>		
AFST 1714	Introduction to African American Studies	
AINS 1104	Introduction to American Indian Studies	

AINS 4004	Topics in American Indian Studies ³
APS/HUM 1704	Introduction to Appalachian Studies
APS/HUM/AHRM/GEOG/HD/UAP 3464	Appalachian Communities ²
HUM 4414	Issues in Appalachian Studies ^{2, 3}
LAR 4034	Evolution of the American Landscape
RLCL 2124	Religion in American Life
RLCL 4324	Topics in Religion and Culture ^{2, 3, 4}
UAP 1024	Leadership, Service, and Public Problem Solving
WGS 2264	Race, Class, Gender, and Sexualities
WGS 3004	Topics in Feminism ^{2, 3, 4}
Subtotal	12
Total Credits	18

¹ No more than ONE course (3 credit hours) may be at the 1000-2000 level.

² Please note pre-requisite(s) for this course.

³ This course may be repeated for credit when the topic varies.

⁴ These variable topics courses may be included in the minor when the topic is relevant to American Studies, as approved by the minor coordinator.

Graduation Requirements

Special offerings, including Independent Study, Undergraduate Research, and Study Abroad, and relevant courses in this or other departments may be used to fulfill requirements of up to six (6) credits for the minor where appropriate. Permission to count such courses must be granted by the minor coordinator. Courses taken to fulfill the requirements of the minor cannot be taken as pass/fail unless that is the only way the course is taught. Students should check the course catalogue for the latest information on course pre-requisites.

To graduate with a minor in American Studies, a student must have an over-all GPA of 2.0 and an in-minor GPA of 2.0 from all of the courses taken from the minor check-sheet.

For more information, consult the minor coordinator, Dr. Danille Christensen, 105 Major Williams Hall, dec09@vt.edu

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