

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences
Department of Religion and Culture
Minor: AMERICAN STUDIES (AMS)

For Student Date of Entry Under Catalog 2022-2023

Student name: _____

Student major: _____

Term entered VT: _____

Expected graduation year: _____

The Minor in American Studies requires the completion of 18 credit hours, including at least 12 hours at the 3000-level or above, as follows. All courses listed are three-credit-hour courses.

1. TWO REQUIRED COURSES (6 credit hours)

___ HUM 2504: Introduction to American Studies

___ HUM 4104: Explorations in Advanced Humanities Topics

2. ELECTIVE COURSES in Literature, History and Politics, Arts and Communication, and Cultural Studies (at least 12 credit hours). Courses must be selected from at least TWO of the following four areas.

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

Area I: Literature

___ ENGL 2525 or 2526: Survey of American Literature I or II (*PRE: ENGL 1106 or 1204H or COMM 1016)

___ ENGL 2804: Contemporary Native American Literatures (*PRE: ENGL 1106 or 1204H or COMM 1016)

___ ENGL 3614: Southern Literature

___ ENGL 3624: Appalachian Literature

___ ENGL 3634: African-American Literature (*PRE: ENGL 1106)

___ ENGL 3654: Ethnic American Literature

___ ENGL 4415 or 4416: American Narrative to 1950: Beginnings-1865 or 1865-1950
(*junior standing required)

___ ENGL 4634 or 4644: American Author pre-1900 or post-1900 (*junior standing required)

Area II: History and Politics

___ HIST 1116: History of the United States II

___ HIST 2175: African American History I, 1619-1877

___ HIST 2176: African American History II, 1877-present

___ HIST 3004: Colonial America

___ HIST 3064: Emergence of Modern America, 1877-1917

___ HIST 3084: Recent America, 1917-Present

___ HIST 3104: United States Social History

___ HIST 3105: Women in U S History

___ HIST 3114: United States Business History

___ HIST 3106: Women in American History II

___ HIST 3144: American Environmental History

___ HIST 3156: History of American Cities II

___ PSCI 1014: US Government & Politics

___ PSCI 3255 or 3256: The Politics of Race, Ethnicity, and Gender

___ PSCI 3754: American Political Theory (*PRE: PSCI 1024)

Area III: The Arts and Communication

- **^ARCH 4214: Topics in Architecture History and Theory
(*PRE: ARCH 3115, 3116 or permission of instructor)
- APS 2404: Folk Cultures in Appalachia
- APS 2434: Cultural Politics of Music in Appalachia
- ART 3784: European and American Art Since 1900 (*PRE: ART 2386 or permission of instructor)
- ART 3884: American Art to 1914 (*PRE: ART 2386 or permission of instructor)
- CINE 3514: American Cinema Genres (*PRE: CINE 2054)
- HUM (AINS) 2104: Oral Traditions and Culture
- HUM (RLCL) 3034: Theories of Popular Culture
- HUM (RLCL) 4034: Functions of Popular Culture
- MUS 3115: Music in America I
- MUS 3116: Music in America II (Jazz)
- SOC 4114: Sociology of Popular Music

Area IV: Cultural Studies

- AFST 1714: Intro to African American Studies
- AINS 1104: Introduction to American Indian Studies
- **AINS 4004: Topics in American Indian Studies
- APS (HUM) 1704: Introduction to Appalachian Studies
- APS (HUM) (AHRM) (GEOG) (HD) (UAP) 3464: Appalachian Communities
(*PRE: Must have completed one 2000-level course in any cross-listing department.)
- **HUM 4414: Critical Issues in Appalachian Studies (*PRE: HUM 1704)
- LAR 4034: Evolution of the American Landscape
- REL 2124: Religion in American Life
- **^RLCL 4324: Topics in Religion and Culture (*PRE: RLCL 2004)
- UAP 1024: Public Issues in an Urban Society
- WGS 2264: Race, Class, and Gender
- **^WGS 3004: Topics in Feminism (*PRE: WGS 1824)

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

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

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

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.

Students who wish to complete this minor or want more information should consult with the academic adviser Amanda Villar, (540) 231-5033, avillar@vt.edu, or the minor coordinator, Dr. Emily Satterwhite, 344 Lane Hall, (540) 231-8779, satterwhite@vt.edu.