

United States Studies Minor-1

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The interdisciplinary minor in United States Studies explores the United States and its place in the world. Without losing sight of the inner workings of American society, the emphasis is on connections among Americans and other peoples.

Requirements

Five course units:

- one recommended: Introduction to US Studies or other prerequisite (see below)
- one required: Core Seminar
- three options

No more than two courses may be from the same discipline and no more than one course from the student's major.

Prerequisite

1 course unit

Normally, a student is admitted to the minor upon recommendation of affiliated faculty after taking either USA101/102 (a recommended course that introduces major themes in American history, culture, and society) or another course taught by affiliated faculty.

Required course

1 course unit

USA301/Core Seminar

An interdisciplinary examination of American society and culture in historical and international perspective. Admission by permission of the instructor. Topics vary by instructor.

Options:

3 course units

Students select **three** options from the following list (or others with approval of the coordinator).

- AAS 205/HIS 379 African American History to 1865
- AAS 206/HIS 380 African American History Since 1865
- AAS 222/LIT 282 Contemporary African-American Literature
- ANT 311/WGS 381 Women and Migration
- ANT 335/Global Urbanization
- ANT 315/Ethnicity, Race, and Nation
- HIS 362/Latin American-United States Relations
- HIS 367/Indian-White Relations 1800–1890
- HIS 377/The United States in World History
- HIS 381/American Cultural History
- HIS 382/United States from the Gilded Age through World War II
- HIS 383/United States Since 1945
- HIS 386/United States Diplomacy in the American Century
- LIT 217/Issues in Multicultural Literature
- LIT 272/American Literature Since 1865
- LIT 280/Literature, Film, and the Art of American Politics

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- LIT 316/WGS376 Global Women Writers
- LIT 315/WGS 320 Men and Masculinities
- LIT 334/WGS 360 Literature by Latinas and Latin-American Women
- LIT 375/American Literature 1820–1860
- LIT 376/Modern American Literature
- POL 230/International Relations
- POL 330/American Foreign Policy
- POL 333/America and Vietnam
- POL 274/HIS370 Origins of the U.S. Constitution
- SOC 375/Religion and American Culture
- SOC 380/Education and American Culture
- WGS 301/HIS 385 Women in America

Honors Thesis Seminar

2 course units

In addition to the five course units, minors **may be invited** to complete a two-semester honors thesis seminar under supervision of a participating faculty member.

- USA401/Honors Thesis Seminar I
- USA402 Honors Thesis Seminar II

COURSES

USA 301-01/HON 301-01 US Studies Core Seminar

1 course unit

Spring 2009 topic to be announced. Previous topics have included “Empire and Democracy” (2008), “The Multiethnic US and the Making of Americans” (2007), “American Cultural Critics” (2006), and “Global America” (2004, 2005).