United States Studies Minor

Affiliated faculty: Adler, Blake, Clydesdale, Fair, Fisher, Gray, McGreevey, Nicolosi, Ortiz-Vilarelle, Rao

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 (Humanities)/302 (Social Sciences) 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 279 African American History to 1865
- AAS 206/HIS 280 African American History 1865 to the Present
- AAS 282/HIS 290 History of Race Relations in the US
- ANT 311/WGS 381 Women and Migration
- ANT 315/Ethnicity, Race, and Nation
- ANT 335/Global Urbanization
- HIS 267/Indian-White Relations 1800–1890
- HIS 370/The United States in World History
- HIS 281/American Cultural History
- HIS 382/United States: 1877-1945
- HIS 383/United States Since 1945
- HIS 386/United States Diplomacy in the American Century
- LIT 217/Issues in Multicultural Literature
- LIT 272/ Literature of the United States
- LIT 280/Literature, Film, and the Art of American Politics
- LIT 315/WGS 320 Men and Masculinities
- LIT 316/WGS376 Global Women Writers
- LIT 334/WGS 360 Literature by Latinas and Latin-American Women

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- LIT 375/ U.S. Literature, 1800-1900
- LIT 376/ U.S. Literature since 1900
- POL 230/International Relations
- POL 274/HIS370 Origins of the U.S. Constitution
- POL 330/American Foreign Policy
- POL 333/America and Vietnam
- SOC 375/Religion and American Culture
- SOC 380/Education and American Culture
- WGS 302/HIS 385 Women in America
- WGS 303/HIS 384 Women in 20th Century
- WGS361/ HIS 365/ AAS 376 African American Women's History

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