

American Studies (BA)

Total Hours Required: 120

Plan of Study

The Plan of Study is a suggested four-year course sequence to support academic planning and serves as a helpful guide. Currently enrolled students should meet with their academic advisor to tailor their course selections and timelines to their individual goals and circumstances.

Course	Title	Hours
Year 1		
Semester 1		
AMS 310	Introduction to American Studies	3
<u>Visual and Performing Arts (050)</u>		3
RHE 306	Rhetoric and Writing	3
<u>Mathematics (020)</u>		3
<u>First-Year Signature Course (090)</u>		3
Hours		15
Semester 2		
AMS 311S	Topics in Introductory Seminar in American Studies	3
<u>Cultural Expression, Human Experience, and Thought (may not also be counted toward Core Curriculum)</u>		3
<u>Social and Behavioral Sciences (080)</u>		3
<u>Natural Science and Technology, Part I (030)</u>		3
Free Elective		3
Hours		15
Year 2		
Semester 1		
Hours chosen from: AMS		3
<u>Additional Social Science (may not also be counted toward Core Curriculum)</u>		3
<u>Natural Science and Technology, Part I (030)</u>		3
<u>Foreign Language other than English, Beginning Proficiency</u>		6
Hours		15
Semester 2		
Hours chosen from: AMS		3
<u>Natural Science and Technology, Part II (093)</u>		3
<u>Humanities (040)</u>		3
<u>Foreign Language other than English, Intermediate Proficiency</u>		6
Hours		15
Year 3		
Semester 1		
AMS 355	Main Currents of American Culture to 1865	3
Free Elective		3
<u>American and Texas Government (070)</u>		3
<u>Foreign Language other than English, Intermediate Proficiency</u>		6
Hours		15
Semester 2		
AMS 370	Topics in Seminar in American Culture	3
AMS 356	Main Currents of American Culture since 1865	3
Free Elective		3
Minor course		3
<u>American and Texas Government (070)</u>		3
Hours		15
Year 4		
Semester 1		
AMS 370	Topics in Seminar in American Culture	3
Minor course		3
Minor course		3
Hours chosen from:		3
AMS 379H	Honors Tutorial Course	
Free Elective		3
Hours		15

Semester 2		
AMS 370	Topics in Seminar in American Culture	3
Minor course		3
Minor course		3
Hours chosen from:		3
AMS 379H	Honors Tutorial Course	
Free Elective		3
Hours		15
Total Hours		120

Requirements

All requirements are listed below, starting with the most specialized moving to the most general. Additional requirements may follow the table, so be sure to read the entire page. Some required courses listed below may also satisfy [General Education](#) requirements, including [Core Curriculum](#).

Code	Title	Hours
Major		
AMS 310	Introduction to American Studies	3
AMS 311S	Topics in Introductory Seminar in American Studies	3
AMS X55 & AMS X56	Main Currents of American Culture to 1865 and Main Currents of American Culture since 1865	6
Hours chosen from: (taken three times)		9
AMS 970	Topics in Seminar in American Culture	
Hours chosen from: AMS		3
Hours chosen from:		3
L A 320	Internship	
or		
AMS coursework		
<i>Subtotal</i>		<i>27</i>
Degree (see details below)		51
Free electives: Additional coursework to reach total hours required.		12
<i>Subtotal</i>		<i>63</i>
General Education		
<u>Remaining Core Curriculum (42 hours total)</u>		30
<u>Foreign Language other than English, Beginning Proficiency</u>		
<i>Subtotal</i>		<i>30</i>
<u>College Requirements - Liberal Arts</u>		
<u>General University Requirements</u>		
Total Hours		120

Degree - Bachelor of Arts (BA) - Liberal Arts

Code	Title	Hours
Degree		
<u>Literature and Writing</u>		
RHE 306	Rhetoric and Writing (Plan II honors requires at least a C-; may also count toward Core Curriculum)	3
Hours chosen from: <u>Writing intensive coursework-see course list</u> (may also count toward Core Curriculum; Plan II honors requires at least a C-)		3
Hours chosen from: Upper-division <u>Writing intensive coursework-see course list</u> (may also count toward Core Curriculum; Plan II honors requires at least a C-)		6
Choose a sequence below:		12

Sequence 1: Plan II Honors (requires at least a C-; may also count toward Core Curriculum)

E 303C	Plan II World Literature Part I
or T C 303C	Plan II World Literature Part I

Sequence 2: Plan I

E 316L	British Literature
or E 316M	American Literature
or E 316N	World Literature

Foreign Language other than English, Intermediate Proficiency	3
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Choose a sequence below: Social Science	3
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Sequence 1: Plan II Honors (requires at least a C-; may also count toward Core Curriculum)

S S 302C	Honors Social Science: Methods and Theory
or S S 302D	Honors Social Science: Psychology
or S S 302E	Honors Social Science: Anthropology
or S S 302E	Honors Social Science: Anthropology
or S S 302F	Honors Social Science: Economics

Sequence 2: Plan I

Additional Social Science (may not also be counted toward Core Curriculum)	
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Mathematics

Choose a sequence below: (M 301, M 316K, and M 316L do not count toward this requirement)	3
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Sequence 1: Plan II Honors

M 310P	Modern Mathematics: Plan II
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Sequence 2: Plan I

Hours chosen from: Mathematics	
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Choose a sequence below:	3
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Sequence 1: Plan II Honors

T C 310	Modes of Reasoning
or PHL 313Q	Logic and Scientific Reasoning

Sequence 2: Plan I

Cultural Expression, Human Experience, and Thought (may not also be counted toward Core Curriculum)	
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Choose a sequence below:	15
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Sequence 1: Plan II Honors

Six Hours chosen from: Astronomy, biology, chemistry, geological sciences, physical science, or physics (may also count toward Core Curriculum)	
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BIO 301E	Problems in Modern Biology
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PHY 321	Modern Physics: Plan II
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Three Hours chosen from:	
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Art history, music history, or history of theatre and dance	
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Upper-division classical civilization, humanities, literature, or philosophy	
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Sequence 2: Plan I International Relations and Global Studies

Free electives: Additional coursework to reach total hours required.	
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Sequence 3: Other Plan I

Hours chosen from:	
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Transcript-recognized minor or certificate	
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Liberal Arts multi-disciplinary minor in the Social and Behavioral Sciences	
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Liberal Arts multi-disciplinary minor in Cultural Expression, Human Experience, and Thought	
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Total Hours	51
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Additional Requirements and Policies

Unless otherwise stated, students must complete at least:

- 15 upper-division degree hours
- 24 upper-division degree hours taken in residence at the University
- 36 additional degree hours taken in residence at the University.

Credit may be earned via credit by examination, extension, or transferred hours from another institution (requires dean's approval).

Major and minor required hours may also be used to fulfill degree requirements unless expressly prohibited.

A course in one degree area may not also be used to fulfill the requirements of another degree area unless specified otherwise.

Mathematics courses at the college algebra level may not count toward elective hours.

Majors

A major consists of 24 to 45 hours, with at least 15 upper-division hours unless the requirements of the major state otherwise.

Students must earn at least:

- 18 major hours taken in residence at the University.
- 6 upper-division major hours taken in residence at the University
- a 2.00 grade point average for in-residence major hours taken at the University unless a higher minimum scholastic requirement is specified for the major.

Minors

Students must get permission from their College of Liberal Arts academic advisor to pursue more than one transcript-recognized minor or certificate per major. The academic advisor will approve or deny the request after considering the student's long-term educational and professional goals and the student's ability to graduate within 4 years of entering the University.

Students should consult the department offering the course before planning to use it to fulfill the minor requirement.

Hours used to fulfill the requirements for a minor must be taken on the letter-grade basis.

See [University Minor and Certificate policies here](#).