



Twin Cities Campus

American Studies Minor

American Studies

College of Liberal Arts

Link to a [list of faculty](#) for this program.

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- Program Type: Graduate minor related to major
- Requirements for this program are current for Spring 2021
- Length of program in credits (Masters): 9
- Length of program in credits (Doctorate): 12
- This program does not require summer semesters for timely completion.

Along with the program-specific requirements listed below, please read the [General Information](#) section of the catalog website for requirements that apply to all major fields.

The American Studies graduate program is an interdisciplinary, interdepartmental program. The graduate faculty consists of core American Studies faculty members and graduate faculty members drawn from a wide number of departments. Students develop sub-fields (understood as a more specific focus of research and teaching) and also pursue broad training in analyzing the development of cultural and historical processes that shaped the nation and its diverse cultures, as well as analyzing contemporary practices.

Program Delivery

This program is available:

- via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)

Prerequisites for Admission

Special Application Requirements:

Students interested in the minor are strongly encouraged to confer with their major field advisor and director of graduate studies, and the American Studies director of graduate studies regarding feasibility and requirements.

For an online application or for more information about graduate education admissions, see the [General Information](#) section of the catalog website.

Program Requirements

Use of 4xxx courses toward program requirements is permitted under certain conditions with adviser approval.

The minimum cumulative GPA for minor field coursework is 3.50.

Required Course (3 credits)

Select at least 1 of the following courses in consultation with the American Studies director of graduate studies:

[AMST 8201](#) - Historical Foundations of American Studies (3.0 cr)

[AMST 8202](#) - Theoretical Foundations and Current Practice in American Studies (3.0 cr)

Electives (6 to 9 credits)

Masters students select 6 credits, and doctoral students select 9 credits from the following in consultation with the American Studies director of graduate studies:

[AMST 8231](#) - Cultural Fallout: The Cold War and Its Legacy, Readings (3.0 cr)

[AMST 8232](#) - Cultural Fallout: The Cold War and Its Legacy, Research (3.0 cr)

[AMST 8239](#) - Gender, Race, Class, Ethnicity, and Sexuality in the United States: Readings (3.0 cr)

[AMST 8240](#) - Gender, Race, Class, Ethnicity, and Sexuality in the United States: Topical Development (3.0 cr)

[AMST 8249](#) - Popular Culture and Politics in the 20th Century: Readings (3.0 cr)

[AMST 8250](#) - Popular Culture and Politics in the 20th Century: Research Strategies (3.0 cr)



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[AMST 8259](#) - Literature, History, and Culture: Research Strategies (3.0 cr)
[AMST 8260](#) - Literature, History, and Culture: Topical Development (3.0 cr)
[AMST 8288](#) - Working in the Global Economy: Readings (3.0 cr)
[AMST 8289](#) - Ethnographic Research Methods: Research Strategies in American Studies (3.0 cr)
[AMST 8920](#) - Topics in American Studies (3.0 cr)
[AMST 8970](#) - Independent Study in American Studies (1.0 - 9.0 cr)

Program Sub-plans

Students are required to complete one of the following sub-plans.
Students may not complete the program with more than one sub-plan.

Masters

Doctoral