

Department of American Studies

AMERICAN STUDIES MAJOR

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NAME:	RU ID:		
Date:	E-mail:		
I. REQUIRED COURSES:			
Number	Title	Semester /Yr Taken	Grade
101	Intro to American Studies		
225	Thought and Society in the American Past		
227	19 th Century Literature and Culture		
310	Approaches to American Studies		
389	Junior Seminar		
4XX	Senior Seminar		
II. ELECTIVES: THREE ABOVE 300-LEVEL and THREE MORE AT ANY LEVEL			
Number	Title	Semester /Yr Taken	Grade
Advisor:	Student:		





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Welcome to American Studies!

American Studies is the interdisciplinary study of American culture. Our diverse and distinguished faculty research and teach in literature and history; folklore and popular culture; race and ethnic studies; law and politics; and gender and sexuality studies.

We are dedicated to helping you learn to write well, to speak articulately, and to think analytically and creatively. These are skills necessary for success in any field. We give students like you a great deal of individual attention by maintaining a small-college atmosphere within our state university. **Scholarships are available to majors.**

Major and Minor

The American Studies Major is comprised of twelve (12) courses: six required courses and six electives. The major allows you the freedom to explore your interests among the wide variety of departmental course offerings while providing cultural historical breadth as well as intensive training in interdisciplinary critical thinking skills.

The American Studies Minor is comprised of six (6) courses: three above 300-level, including 310: Approaches, or 389: Junior Seminar, and three additional courses at any level. The minor is a great liberal arts complement to any major, providing you with cross-disciplinary critical and writing skills.

Race and Ethnic Studies Minor

You can also minor in Comparative and Critical Race and Ethnic Studies (CCRES). CCRES is a great opportunity to explore and develop your interests in diverse American community histories with courses from various departments, including Africana, Latino and Hispanic Caribbean Studies, and Women's and Gender Studies.

Asian American Studies

American Studies works with other departments, the Collective for Asian American Studies, and the Asian American Cultural Center to offer Asian American Studies content courses and programming. Contact Prof. Rick Lee at rick.lee@rutgers.edu

New Jersey Folk Festival

The annual folk festival attracts some 10,000 people to the Douglass campus. Under the direction of Prof. Angus Gillespie (agillespie@amst.rutgers.edu), a select student committee coordinates various aspects of the festival.

