

01:050:01 and 01H

This course introduces students to the interdisciplinary field of American Studies, employing literature, film, history, music, photography, philosophy, and politics. Focusing on how American life has been commonly described as a struggle between individualism and communitarianism, students will engage with primary and secondary sources of all kinds. The goal of the course is to expose students to intellectual and creative possibilities afforded to them in the field of American Studies, as well as to provide incoming majors with key concepts and analytical tools to prepare them for more advanced courses.