AMERICAN STUDIES MAJOR, B.A.–AMERICAN INDIAN AND INDIGENOUS STUDIES CONCENTRATION

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The American Indian and indigenous studies concentration provides a meaningful grounding in the histories, cultures, and contemporary experiences of peoples indigenous to North America, as well as their encounters with settler states. The curriculum increasingly provides opportunities for students to gain a hemispheric perspective that includes the histories, cultures, and contemporary experiences of the indigenous peoples of the Americas. Students may petition the director of undergraduate studies to have courses not listed approved to fulfill major requirements; such courses will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

Department Programs

Majors
• American Studies Major, B.A. (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/american-studies-major-ba)
• American Studies Major, B.A.–American Indian and Indigenous Studies Concentration (p. 1)
• American Studies Major, B.A.–Folklore Concentration (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/american-studies-major-ba-folklore-concentration)
• American Studies Major, B.A.–Global American Studies Concentration (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/american-studies-major-ba-global-american-studies-concentration)
• American Studies Major, B.A.–Southern Studies Concentration (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/american-studies-major-ba-southern-studies-concentration)

Minors
• American Studies Minor (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/american-studies-minor)
• American Indian and Indigenous Studies Minor (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/american-indian-indigenous-studies-minor)
• Folklore Minor (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/folklore-minor)
• Global American Studies Minor (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/global-american-studies-minor)

• Southern Studies Minor (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/southern-studies-minor)

Graduate Programs
• Ph.D. in American Studies (http://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/american-studies)
• M.A. in Folklore (http://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/american-studies)
• Graduate Minor in American Studies (http://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/american-studies)
• Graduate Minor in Folklore (http://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/american-studies)

Student Learning Outcomes
Upon completion of the American studies program, students should be able to:
• Apply critical skills of analysis to a variety of primary historical sources and/or cultural expressions
• Exercise advanced writing skills that demonstrate clear articulation of ideas and effective expression of understanding
• Assess the value of interdisciplinary learning by engaging with a variety of disciplinary perspectives on the study of America within their major elective courses
• Interpret national traditions and ideals from different local, regional, transnational, and/or global situations and from diverse ideological and/or ethnic perspectives
• Report satisfaction with the American studies major and its value for their postgraduate academic and professional careers

Requirements
In addition to the program requirements listed below, students must
• attain a final cumulative GPA of at least 2.0
• complete a minimum of 45 academic credit hours earned from UNC–Chapel Hill courses
• take at least half of their major course requirements (courses and credit hours) at UNC–Chapel Hill
• earn a minimum of 18 hours of C or better in the major core requirements (some majors require 21 hours).

For more information, please consult the degree requirements section of the catalog (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/general-education-curriculum-degree-requirements/#degreerequirementstext).

The concentration in American Indian and indigenous studies consists of nine courses. Courses listed more than once can be counted for only one category. At least one course must be at the 300 level or above.

Core Requirements

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<td>AMST/ANTH 203</td>
<td>Approaches to American Indian Studies</td>
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Total Hours: 27
Honor version available. An honors course fulfills the same requirements as the nonhonors version of that course. Enrollment and GPA restrictions may apply.

Special Opportunities in American Studies

Honors in American Studies

The American studies major offers a two-course honors program: AMST 691H in the fall semester and AMST 692H in the spring semester. Students must propose their thesis and contract with a faculty advisor during the semester prior to the beginning of their senior year. For each semester of honors work, thesis students must submit a signed learning contract to the Department of American Studies during the registration period. During the two semesters devoted to honors work, students conduct individual research and prepare an honors thesis under the supervision of a faculty member. Students also attend a weekly seminar at the discretion of the advisor. Students must maintain a 3.3 cumulative grade point average to be eligible. With the approval of the associate or the assistant dean for honors, students with a slightly lower average who have a reasonable expectation of meeting the requirement within one more semester may embark upon the honors thesis, understanding that if they do not attain the 3.3 standard they may continue the research project as independent study but are not eligible to graduate with honors or highest honors.

Experiential Education

The Department of American Studies offers a seminar on Service Learning in America (AMST 398) and offers credits for approved internship projects (AMST 493). Students have learned about American studies by serving the community in museums, schools, social agencies, and other cultural institutions.

Study Abroad

The Department of American Studies encourages students to consider a semester or more of study abroad and has developed close relations with several American studies programs in different countries. Studying American experience in international contexts is an integral part of understanding the place and influence of the United States in the world. Student learning is enhanced by the perspectives gained by examining how American subjects are taught in universities around the globe as well as by encountering the international students who enroll in American studies courses in Chapel Hill. Study abroad offers
students of folklore the opportunity to understand the rich vernacular and traditional cultures of other parts of the world from both a local and a comparative perspective. Students can receive American studies major credit for selected study abroad programs and are encouraged to make study abroad part of their academic plans. Study abroad courses can count toward the international American studies major or minor. Students interested in this experience should consult with the director of undergraduate studies or with the Study Abroad Office about international exchange programs sponsored by UNC–Chapel Hill.

**Undergraduate Awards**

The department awards Julia Preston Brumley Travel Scholarships to help fund international travel and study abroad. The Peter C. Baxter Memorial Prize is awarded annually to the outstanding senior majoring in American studies.

**Undergraduate Research**

The department offers credit for AMST 396 and FOLK 495. Majors can develop a two-semester honors thesis project (AMST 691H and AMST 692H) in consultation with an advisor. Students have received summer undergraduate research fellowships, earned research support and travel awards, and presented their work at the Annual Celebration of Undergraduate Research each spring.