“What is America?” and “What does it mean to be American?” The American studies area encourages students to ask these questions for themselves and to develop well-researched answers rather than to accept conventional definitions. The undergraduate program in American studies offers its majors and minors the opportunity to explore American traditions, institutions, literature, and arts and exposes students to a diversity of American experiences and perspectives.

Department Programs

Majors

- American Studies Major, B.A. (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/american-studies-major-ba)
- 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.—Southern Studies Concentration (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/american-studies-major-ba-southern-studies-concentration)

Minors

- American Studies Minor (p. 1)
- Folklore Minor (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/folklore-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)
- 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)

Requirements

In addition to the program requirements listed below, students must:

- take at least nine hours of their minor course requirements at UNC–Chapel Hill
- earn a minimum of 12 hours of C or better in the minor (some minors require more)

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

The undergraduate minor in American studies consists of five courses in American studies. 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

| Introduction (one of the following): | 3 |
| AMST 101 The Emergence of Modern America | |
| AMST 102 Myth and History in American Memory | |
| AMST 334 Defining America I H | |
| AMST 335 Defining America II H | |
| AMST 201 Literary Approaches to American Studies or AMST 202 Historical Approaches to American Studies | 3 |
| Three AMST courses numbered above 202 (not including independent study or honors thesis research) | 9 |
| Total Hours | 15 |

H Honors version available. An honors course fulfills the same requirements as the nonhonors version of that course. Enrollment and GPA restrictions may apply.

American Studies (AMST) course descriptions (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/departments/american-studies/#coursertext).

See program page here (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/american-studies-major-ba/#opportunitiestext) for special opportunities.