

AMERICAN STUDIES MINOR

"What is America?" and "What does it mean to be American?" American studies 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. Students may petition the director of undergraduate studies to have courses not listed approved to fulfill major or minor requirements; such courses will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.








Requirements

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

- take at least nine hours of their minor "core" requirements at UNC–Chapel Hill
- earn a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.000 in the minor core requirements. Some programs may require higher standards for minor or specific courses.

For more information, please consult the degree requirements section of the catalog (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/degree-requirements/>).

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

Code	Title	Hours
Core Requirements		
AMST 101	 This Place Called "America"	3
One of the following options:		3
AMST 102	 Myth and History in American Memory	
AMST 110	 Introduction to the Cultures and Histories of Native North America	
AMST 210	 This Place Called "The South"	
AMST 255	 Difference and Power in American Culture(s)	
AMST 277	 America's Role in the Global Environment	
FOLK 202	 Everyday Cultures: Folklore in America	
Three additional elective courses chosen from the following lists:		9
AMST courses numbered 102 or higher ¹		
FOLK courses numbered 200 or higher ²		
CHER courses numbered 101 or higher		
Total Hours		15

¹ Not including AMST 396, AMST 691H, AMST 692H.

² Not including FOLK 496, FOLK 691H, FOLK 692H.

American Studies (AMST), Folklore (FOLK), and Cherokee (CHER) course descriptions (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/departments/american-studies/#coursestext>).

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

Department Programs

Majors

- American Studies Major, B.A. (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/american-studies-major-ba/>)
- American Studies Major, B.A.–American Indian and Indigenous Studies Concentration (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/american-studies-major-baamerican-indian-indigenous-studies-concentration/>)

Minors

- American Studies Minor (p. 1)
- American Indian and Indigenous Studies Minor (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/american-indian-indigenous-studies-minor/>)

Graduate Programs

- Ph.D. in American Studies (<https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/american-studies/>)
- M.A. in Folklore (<https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/american-studies/>)
- Graduate Minor in American Studies (<https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/american-studies/#programstext>)
- Graduate Minor in Folklore (<https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/american-studies/#programstext>)

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