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The Department of American Studies at GW fosters a dynamic interdisciplinary learning environment focused on understanding the culture, beliefs, policies, politics, urbanization, and history of the United States and its role in the world. Through a rigorous curriculum, internationally recognized professors challenge students to uncover fresh perspectives on the United States and teach them how to analyze an array of cultural forms—from YouTube to urban spaces to policy documents.

GW's long-standing ties with the Smithsonian Institution and other organizations within the nation's capital immerses students in unique experiences relating to historic preservation, museum curation, social politics, and more. Alumni have achieved success in professions from law to nonprofit advocacy, in culturally focused productions—from film to the Web—and in the management of cultural resources, from museums to historic sites.

Visit the program website (https://americanstudies.columbian.gwu.edu/) for more information.

ADMISSIONS

For more information on the admission process, please visit the Office of Undergraduate Admissions website (https://undergraduate.admissions.gwu.edu/). Applications may be submitted via the Common Application (https://go.gwu.edu/commonapp/).

Supporting documents not submitted online should be mailed to:

Office of Undergraduate Admissions
The George Washington University
800 21st Street NW, Suite 100
Washington DC 20052

Contact for questions:
gwadm@gwu.edu or 202-994-6040

REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled:

The general requirements stated under Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, Undergraduate Programs (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/#degeregreulations). The program-specific curriculum.

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or AMST 2490W Themes in U.S. Cultural History

AMST 2495 Special Topics in African American History

AMST 2520 American Architecture I

AMST 2521 American Architecture II

AMST 2533 Material Culture in America

AMST 2600 U.S. Popular Music and Culture

AMST 2610 Science, Technology, and Politics in Modern America

or AMST 2610W Science, Technology, and Politics in Modern America

AMST 2620 Human Mind and Artificial Intelligence

AMST 2630 Discovering the Mind

AMST 2680W Hashtag America

AMST 2710 The United States in the World

AMST 2730 World War II in History and Memory

or AMST 2730W World War II in History and Memory

AMST 2750W Latinos in the United States

AMST 324 U.S. Urban History

AMST 331 U.S. Social History

AMST 3324 U.S. Urban History

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AMST 3351 U.S. Social History

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AMST 3352 U.S. Women’s History to 1865

or AMST 3352W U.S. Women’s History to 1865

AMST 3353 U.S. Women’s History II

AMST 3360 African American History to 1865

AMST 3361 African American History Since 1865

AMST 3362 African American Women’s History

or AMST 3362W African American Women’s History

AMST 3367 The American Jewish Experience

AMST 3360 Popular Music and Politics

AMST 3625 Ethnographic and Historical Perspectives on Data Ethics

AMST 3810 Planning Cities

AMST 3811 Historical Archaeology

AMST 3835 Historical Archaeology Field Program

AMST 3950 Special Topics

or AMST 3950W Special Topics

AMST 4701W Epidemics in American History

AMST 4702W Race, Medicine, and Public Health

GENERAL EDUCATION

In addition to the University General Education Requirement (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/university-regulations/general-education/), undergraduate students in Columbian College must complete a further, College-specific general education curriculum—Perspective, Analysis, Communication (G-PAC) (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/gpac/) as well as CCAS 1001. Together with the University General Education Requirement, G-PAC engages students in active intellectual inquiry across the liberal arts. Students achieve a set of learning outcomes that enhance their analytical skills, develop their communication competencies, and invite them to participate as responsible citizens who are attentive to issues of culture, diversity, and privilege.

Coursework for the University General Education Requirement is distributed as follows:

- Writing—4 credits in UW 1020 University Writing and 6 credits distributed over at least two writing in the discipline (WID) courses taken in separate semesters. WID courses are designated by a "W" appended to the course number.
- Humanities—one approved humanities course that involves critical thinking skills.
- Mathematics or statistics—one approved course in either mathematics or statistics.
- Natural or physical science—one approved laboratory course that employs the process of scientific inquiry.
- Social Sciences—two approved courses in the social sciences that employ critical thinking, quantitative reasoning, or scientific reasoning.

Coursework for the CCAS G-PAC requirement is distributed as follows:

- Arts—one approved arts course that involves the study or creation of artwork based on an understanding or interpretation of artistic traditions or knowledge of art in a contemporary context.
- Global or cross-cultural perspective—one approved course that analyzes the ways in which institutions, practices, and problems transcend national and regional boundaries.
- Local or civic engagement—one approved course that develops the values, ethics, disciplines, and commitment to pursue responsible public action.
- Oral communication—one approved course in oral communication.
• Natural or physical science—one additional approved laboratory course that employs the process of scientific inquiry (in addition to the one course in this category required by the University General Education Requirement).
• Humanities—one additional approved humanities course that involves critical thinking skills (in addition to the one course in this category required by the University General Education Requirement).
• CCAS 1001 First-Year Experience

Certain courses are approved to fulfill GPAC requirements in more than one category.

Courses taken in fulfillment of G-PAC requirements may also be counted toward majors or minors. Transfer courses taken prior to, but not after, admission to George Washington University may count toward the University General Education Requirement and G-PAC, if those transfer courses are equivalent to GW courses that have been approved by the University and the College.

Lists of approved courses in the above categories are included on each undergraduate major’s (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/#majorstext) page in this Bulletin.

SPECIAL HONORS

In addition to the general requirements stated under University Regulations, in order to be considered for graduation with Special Honors in American Studies, a major must receive a grade of A on the senior paper written for AMST 4500 Proseminar in American Studies.

COMBINED PROGRAM

Combined program
• Dual Bachelor of Arts with a major in American studies and Master of Arts in the field of American studies (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/american-studies/combined-ba-ma/)