



American Studies A.A. Degree - Interdisciplinary Studies

American Studies is the study of American culture, which includes an exploration of the arts, ideas, skills and institutions in U.S. society.

Total Units: 59-61

First Year

Semester 1

15-16 Units

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS [^]	SEMESTERS OFFERED*	GE AREA
3 units from List A	3	See List A	See List A	
3 units from List B	3	See List B	See List B	
ENGWR 300 College Composition	3		F, S, Su	CRC Area II(a)
CRC Area II(b)-Math Competency	3-4	Recommend meeting with a counselor	F, S, Su	CRC Area II(b)
CRC Area III(b)-Life Development Skills	3		F, S, Su	CRC Area III(b)

Semester 2

15 Units

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS [^]	SEMESTERS OFFERED*	GE AREA
3 units from List A	3	See List A	See List A	
3 units from List A	3	See List A	See List A	
3 units from List B	3	See List B	See List B	
CRC Area IV-Natural Sciences	3		F, S, Su	CRC Area IV
CRC Area I-Humanities	3		F, S, Su	CRC Area I

¹ Suggestion-consider eligible courses from List A or B.

Year 2

Semester 3

16 Units

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS [^]	SEMESTERS OFFERED*	GE AREA
CRC Area III(a)-Physical Edu Activity	1		F, S, Su	CRC Area III(a)
3 units from List A	3	See List A	See List A	
CRC Area V(a)-American Institutions	3		F, S, Su	CRC Area V(a)

Career

Options/Outlook:

An advanced degree in American Studies can lead to a variety of different careers such as research, law, attorney, social worker, employment counselor, and others. Secondary school teachers teach in one or more subjects, such as English, mathematics, or social studies at the secondary level in public or private schools. May be designated according to subject matter specialty. **Career opportunities require more than two years of college study.**

A sample of reported job titles:

High School Science Teacher, History Teacher, Secondary Teacher, Social Studies Teacher

Projected job openings in California (2018-2028):

9,530

Projected growth in California (2018-2028):

Average (5%)

Median Salary in California (2021):

Median wage with advanced degree: \$96,390/yr

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS [^]	SEMESTERS OFFERED*	GE AREA
CRC Area II(b)-Comm & Analytical Thinking	3		F, S, Su	CRC Area II(b)
CRC Area V(b)-Social & Behavioral Sciences³	3		F, S, Su	CRC Area V(b)
Elective⁴	3		F, S, Su	

¹ Suggestion-consider eligible courses from List A.

² Suggestion-consider eligible courses from List B.

³ Suggestion-consider eligible course from List A.

⁴ Units needed to total 60 units for graduation. Refer to Course Number for the appropriate course level necessary for the degree.

Semester 4

13-14 Units

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS [^]	SEMESTERS OFFERED*	GE AREA
3 units from List A	3	See List A	See List A	
CRC Area VI-Ethnic/Multicultural Studies¹	3		F, S, Su	CRC Area VI
Elective²	3		F, S, Su	
Elective²	3		F, S, Su	
Elective²	1-2		F, S, Su	

[^]You must have passed the prerequisite course(s) with a "C" or better; Corequisite must be taken during the same semester; Advisory means it is recommended but not required to enroll in the course.

*(O) = online available (P) = partially online

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² Suggestion-consider courses from List A or B; Units needed to total 60 units for graduation. Refer to Course Number for the appropriate course level necessary for the degree.

List A-Select a minimum of 15 units from the following (with no more than 1 course from each discipline):

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS [^]	SEMESTERS OFFERED*	GE AREA
ANTH 334 Native Peoples of North America	3	Advisory: Eligible for ENGWR 300	Check Class Schedule for offering	CRC Area V(b) or VI
ENGLT 320 American Literature I	3	ENGWR 300	F	CRC Area I
ENGLT 321 American Literature II	3	ENGWR 300	S	CRC Area I
ENGLT 330 African American Literature	3	ENGWR 101	Su	CRC Area I
HIST 310 History of the United States (To 1877)	3	Advisory: ENGWR 300	F(P). S(P), Su(O)	CRC Area V(a)

Source:

<https://www.onetonline.org/link/summary/25-2031.00>

Transfer notes:

Please meet with a counselor for specific transfer course evaluation or transferring to a specific 4-year institution.

General Education (GE):

Non-specified GE courses identified by CRC Area, CSU Area or IGETC Area without pre- or co-requisite can be taken at any semester.

Honors option:

The CRC Honors Program is designed specifically for academically accomplished students and for students with the potential for high achievement. Students who complete 15 units or more in honors-designated courses will earn special recognition as an Honors Scholar, a distinction that may entitle the student to guaranteed transfer and scholarship opportunities at select transfer colleges and universities.

About this map:

This program map represents one possible pathway to complete the program. Please see a counselor to create an education plan that is customized to meet your needs. This map is not a guarantee of course availability or financial aid applicability.

Zero Textbook Costs (ZTC):

The Zero Textbook Costs designation and logo are added to any course that provides free access to all required instructional materials. These are typically shared with students through Canvas. Courses that are designated as ZTC may still require students to purchase supplemental materials such as lab coats, a calculator, art supplies, etc. See full definitions and searching tips on the [Zero Textbook Costs](#) page of the college website.

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS [^]	SEMESTERS OFFERED*	GE AREA
HIST 311 History of the United States (1865 - Present)	3	Advisory: ENGWR 300	F, S, Su	CRC Area V(a)
HIST 314 Recent United States History	3	Advisory: ENGWR 300	F, S	CRC Area V(b)
HIST 320 History of the United States: African-American Emphasis	3	Advisory: ENGWR 300	F, S	CRC Area V(b)
HIST 321 History of the United States: African-American Emphasis	3	Advisory: ENGWR 300	F, S, Su	CRC Area V(b)
HUM 332 American Humanities	3		F, S	CRC Area I or VI
POLS 301 Introduction to Government: United States	3	Advisory: ENGWR 101 or equivalent	F(O), S(O), Su	CRC Area V(a)
SOC 300 Introductory Sociology	3		F(O), S(O), Su(O)	CRC Area V(b)
SOC 301 Social Problems	3		F(O), S(O), Su(O)	CRC Area V(b)
SOC 321 Race, Ethnicity and Inequality in the United States	3		F, S, Su	CRC Area V(b) or VI

List B-Select 6 units (with no more than 1 course from each discipline/department) from the following:

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS [^]	SEMESTERS OFFERED*	GE AREA
BUS 300 Introduction to Business	3		F(O, P), S(O, P), Su(O)	
HIST 301 History of Western Civilization (to 1660)	3	Advisory: ENGWR 300	F	CRC Area V(b)
HIST 302 History of Western Civilization	3	Advisory: ENGWR 300	F, S, Su	CRC Area V(b)
HUM 310 Modern Humanities	3		F, S, Su	CRC Area I
PHIL 300 Introduction to Philosophy	3		F, S, Su	CRC Area II(b)
PHIL 338 Contemporary Philosophy	3		Check Class Schedule for offering	CRC Area I

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