



American Studies A.A. Degree

American Studies is the study of American culture, which includes exploring 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
HUM 332 American Humanities	3	Eligibility for ENGWR 300	Check Class Schedule for offering	CRC Area I
3 units from List A	3	See List A	See List A	
ENGWR 300 ^Z College Composition	3		F, S, Su	CRC Area II(a)
CRC Area II(b)-Math Competency ^Z	3-4	Recommend meeting with a counselor	F, S, Su	CRC Area II(b)
CRC Area III(b)-Life Development Skills ^Z	3		F, S, Su	CRC Area III(b)

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Semester 2

15 Units

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3 units from List A	3	See List A	See List A	
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HIST 310 ^Z History of the United States (To 1877) or	3	Advisory: ENGWR 300	Check Class Schedule for offering	CRC Area V(a)
HIST 311 ^Z History of the United States (1865 - Present) or	3	Advisory: ENGWR 300	Check Class Schedule for offering	CRC Area V(a)
HIST 314 Recent United States History or	3	Advisory: ENGWR 300	Check Class Schedule for offering	CRC Area V(a)
HIST 320 ^Z History of the United States: African-American Emphasis or	3	Advisory: ENGWR 300	Check Class Schedule for offering	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 one or more subjects, such as English, mathematics, or social studies, at the secondary level in public or private schools. It may be designated according to the 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 (2020-2030):

7,600

Projected growth in California (2020-2030):

8% growth

Median Salary in California with advanced degree (2021):

\$96,390/yr

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HIST 321 ^Z History of the United States: African-American Emphasis or	3	Advisory: ENGWR 300	Check Class Schedule for offering	CRC Area V(a)
HIST 331 ^Z Women in American History	3	Advisory: ENGWR 300	Check Class Schedule for offering	CRC Area V(a)
HUM 332 American Humanities	3		F, S	CRC Area I or VI
CRC Area IV-Natural Sciences ^Z	3		F, S, Su	CRC Area IV

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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 program map:

This program map represents one possible pathway to complete the program. Please see a counselor to create an education plan 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

Year 2

Semester 3

14-15 Units

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS [^]	SEMESTERS OFFERED*	GE AREA
CRC Area III(a)-Physical Edu Activity ^Z	1		F, S, Su	CRC Area III(a)
CRC Area V(a)-American Institutions ¹ ^Z	3		F, S, Su	CRC Area V(a)
CRC Area II(b)-Comm & Analytical Thinking ² ^Z	3		F, S, Su	CRC Area II(b)
CRC Area V(b)-Social & Behavioral Sciences ¹ ^Z	3		F, S, Su	CRC Area V(b)
SOC 321 ^Z Race, Ethnicity and Inequality in the United States	3		F, S, Su	CRC Area V(b)
Elective ³	1-2			

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¹ Suggestion-consider eligible courses from List A.

² Suggestion-consider eligible courses from List B.

³ Units needed to total 60 units for graduation. Refer to [Course Number](#) for the appropriate course level necessary for the degree.

Semester 4

15 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 Studies ¹ Z	3		F, S, Su	CRC Area VI
3 units from List A	3	See List A	See List A	
3 units from List A	3	See List A	See List A	
Elective ²	3		F, S, Su	

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[^]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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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 ^Z Native Peoples of North America	3	Advisory: Eligible for ENGWR 300	Check Class Schedule for offering	CRC Area V(b)
ARTH 325 Native American Art History	3		Check Class Schedule for offering	CRC Area I
BUS 345 ^Z Law and Society	3		Check Class Schedule for offering	CRC Area V(b)
ENGLT 320 ^Z American Literature I or	3	Eligibility for ENGWR 300	F	CRC Area I
ENGLT 321 ^Z American Literature II or	3	ENGWR 300	S	CRC Area I
ENGLT 330 ^Z African American Literature or	3		Check Class Schedule for offering	CRC Area I
ENGLT 360 ^Z Women in Literature	3	Eligibility for ENGWR 300	Check Class Schedule for offering	CRC Area I

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
ETHNS 300 ^Z Introduction to Ethnic Studies or	3	Eligibility for ENGWR 300	F(O), S(O), Su(O)	CRC Area V(b)
ETHNS 320 ^Z Introduction to African American Studies or	3	Eligibility for ENGWR 300	Check Class Schedule for offering	CRC Area V(b)
ETHNS 330 ^Z Introduction to Asian American Studies or	3	Eligibility for ENGWR 300	Check Class Schedule for offering	CRC Area V(b)
ETHNS 360 Introduction to Chicana/o/x Studies or	3	Eligibility for ENGWR 300	Check Class Schedule for offering	CRC Area V(b)
ETHNS 344 The Latino Experience in America	3	Advisory: ENGWR 101 or ESLW 340	Check Class Schedule for offering	CRC Area V(b) & VI
DANCE 310 ^Z Jazz Dance I or	1		Check Class Schedule for offering	CRC Area III(a)
DANCE 351 ^Z Urban Hip Hop I	1		Check Class Schedule for offering	CRC Area III(a)
DEAF 351 ^Z Introduction to American Deaf Culture	3		Check Class Schedule for offering	
HUM 339 African American Humanities	3		Check Class Schedule for offering	CRC Area I
MUFHL 308 Introduction to Music: Rock & Roll or	3		Check Class Schedule for offering	CRC Area I
MUFHL 315 Jazz History	3		Check Class Schedule for offering	CRC Area I & VI
POLS 301 Introduction to Government: United States or	3	Advisory: ENGWR 101 or equivalent	F(O), S(O), Su	CRC Area V(a)
POLS 481 Introduction to Government: United States - Honors	3		Check Class Schedule for offering	CRC Area V(a) & V(b)
SPAN 427 Introduction to Spanish American Literature	3	SPAN 412 or 415	Check Class Schedule for offering	CRC Area I

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS^	SEMESTERS OFFERED*	GE AREA
TA 306 ^Z Diversity in American Drama (1960 to Present)	3		Check Class Schedule for offering	CRC Area I

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