



American Studies A.A. Degree - CalGETC

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

Total Units: 61

First Year

Semester 1

15 Units

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS [^]	SEMESTERS OFFERED*	GE AREA
HUM 301 Z Introduction to the Humanities	3		F, S, Su	Cal-GETC Area 3B
3 units from List A	3	See List A	See List A	
ENGL C1000 Z College Composition	3		F, S, Su	Cal-GETC Area 1A
CalGETC Area 1C-Oral Communication Z	3		F, S, Su	Cal-GETC Area 1C
Elective ¹	3		F, S, Su	

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Semester 2

15 Units

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS [^]	SEMESTERS OFFERED*	GE AREA
HUM 332 American Humanities	3	Advisory: Eligibility for ENGL C1000	F, S	Cal-GETC Area 3B

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

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HIST 310 Z History of the United States (To 1877) or	3	Advisory: ANTH 300 or 310 and Advisory: Eligibility for ENGL C1000	Check Class Schedule for offering	Cal-GETC Area 4
HIST 311 Z History of the United States (1865 - Present) or	3	Advisory: Eligibility for ENGL C1000	Check Class Schedule for offering	Cal-GETC Area 4
HIST 314 Recent United States History or	3	Advisory: Eligibility for ENGL C1000	Check Class Schedule for offering	Cal-GETC Area 4
HIST 320 Z History of the United States: African-American Emphasis or	3	Advisory: Eligibility for ENGL C1000	Check Class Schedule for offering	Cal-GETC Area 4
HIST 321 Z History of the United States: African-American Emphasis or	3	Advisory: Eligibility for ENGL C1000	Check Class Schedule for offering	Cal-GETC Area 4
HIST 331 Z Women in American History	3	Advisory: Eligibility for ENGL C1000	Check Class Schedule for offering	Cal-GETC Area 4
CalGETC Area 2-Math & Quantitative Reasoning Z	3	Recommend meeting with a counselor	F, S, Su	Cal-GETC Area 2
3 units from List A	3	See List A	See List A	
CalGETC Area 3A-Arts Z	3		F, S, Su	Cal-GETC Area 3A

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Median Salary in California with advanced degree (2021):

\$96,390/yr

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 or Cal-GETC Area without pre- or co-requisites 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

Year 2

Semester 3

15 Units

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS [^]	SEMESTERS OFFERED*	GE AREA
HUM 339 African American Humanities	3		F, S, Su	Cal-GETC Area 3B
SOC 321 Z Race, Ethnicity and Inequality in the United States	3		F, S, Su	Cal-GETC Area 4
3 units from List A	3	See List A	See List A	
CalGETC 1B-Critical Thinking & Composition Z	3		F, S, Su	Cal-GETC Area 1B
CalGETC Area 5A-Physical Science Z	3		F, S, Su	Cal-GETC Area 5A

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Semester 4

16 Units

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS [^]	SEMESTERS OFFERED*	GE AREA
HUM 331 Latin American Humanities	3		F, S, Su	Cal-GETC Area 3B
CalGETC Area 5B-Biological Sciences Z	3		F, S, Su	Cal-GETC Area 5B
CalGETC 5C-Lab Z	1		F, S, Su	Cal-GETC Area 5C
Cal GETC Area 6-Ethnic Studies ¹ Z	3		F, S, Su	Cal-GETC Area 6

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 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.

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3 units from List A	3	See List A	See List A	
Elective²	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

¹ Suggestion-consider eligible courses from List A

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List A-Select a minimum of 12 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		Check Class Schedule for offering	Cal-GETC Area 4
ARTH 325 Native American Art History	3		Check Class Schedule for offering	Cal-GETC Area 3A
BUS 345 Z Law and Society	3		Check Class Schedule for offering	Cal-GETC Area 4
ENGLT 320 Z American Literature I or	3	Eligibility for ENGL C1000	F	Cal-GETC Area 3B
ENGLT 321 Z American Literature II or	3	ENGL C1000	S	Cal-GETC Area 3B
ENGLT 330 Z African American Literature or	3		Check Class Schedule for offering	Cal-GETC Area 3B

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS^	SEMESTERS OFFERED*	GE AREA
ENGLT 360 Z Women in Literature	3	Eligibility for ENGL C1000	Check Class Schedule for offering	Cal-GETC Area 3B
ETHNS 300 Z Introduction to Ethnic Studies or	3	Eligibility for ENGL C1000	F(O), S(O), Su(O)	Cal-GETC Area 4 & 6
ETHNS 320 Z Introduction to African American Studies or	3	Eligibility for ENGL C1000	Check Class Schedule for offering	Cal-GETC Area 4 & 6
ETHNS 330 Z Introduction to Asian American Studies or	3	Eligibility for ENGL C1000	Check Class Schedule for offering	Cal-GETC Area 4 & 6
ETHNS 360 Introduction to Chicana/o/x Studies or	3	Eligibility for ENGL C1000	Check Class Schedule for offering	Cal-GETC Area 4 & 6
ETHNS 344 The Latino Experience in America	3	Eligibility for ENGL C1000	Check Class Schedule for offering	Cal-GETC Area 4
DANCE 310 Z Jazz Dance I or	1		Check Class Schedule for offering	
DANCE 351 Z Hip Hop I	1		Check Class Schedule for offering	
DEAF 351 Z Introduction to American Deaf Culture	3		Check Class Schedule for offering	Cal-GETC Area 4
HUM 339 African American Humanities	3		Check Class Schedule for offering	Cal-GETC Area 3B
MUFHL 308 Introduction to Music: Rock & Roll or	3		Check Class Schedule for offering	Cal-GETC Area 3A

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS [^]	SEMESTERS OFFERED*	GE AREA
MUFHL 315 Jazz History	3		Check Class Schedule for offering	Cal-GETC Area 3A
POLS C1000 Z Introduction to Government: United States or POLS C1000H Introduction to Government: United States - Honors	3	Advisory: ENGL C1000 or C1000H	F(O), S(O), Su	Cal-GETC Area 4
POLS C1000H Introduction to Government: United States - Honors	3	Advisory: ENGL C1000 or C1000H	Check Class Schedule for offering	Cal-GETC Area 4
SPAN 427 Introduction to Spanish American Literature	3	SPAN 412 or 415	Check Class Schedule for offering	Cal-GETC Area 3B
TA 306 Z Diversity in American Drama (1960 to Present)	3		Check Class Schedule for offering	Cal-GETC Area 3A & 4

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