

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences
Department of Religion and Culture
Minor: AMERICAN STUDIES (AMS)
Checksheet for students entering under UG catalog 2023-2024

Student name: _____ Student major: _____

Term entered VT: _____ Expected graduation year: _____

The Minor in American Studies requires the completion of 18 credit hours, including at least 12 hours at the 3000-level or above, as follows. All courses listed are three-credit-hour courses.

1. TWO REQUIRED COURSES (6 credit hours)

- ___ HUM 2504: Introduction to American Studies
- ___ HUM 4104: Explorations in Advanced Humanities Topics

2. ELECTIVE COURSES in Literature, History and Politics, Arts and Communication, and Cultural Studies (at least 12 credit hours). Courses must be selected from at least TWO of the following four areas. No more than ONE course (3 credit hours) may be at the 1000-2000 level.

Area I: Literature

- ___ ENGL 2525 or 2526: Survey of American Literature I or II (*PRE: ENGL 1106 or 1204H or COMM 1016)
- ___ ENGL 2804: Contemporary Native American Literatures (*PRE: ENGL 1106 or 1204H or COMM 1016)
- ___ ENGL 3614: Southern Literature
- ___ ENGL 3624: Appalachian Literature
- ___ ENGL 3634: African-American Literature (*PRE: ENGL 1106)
- ___ ENGL 3654: Ethnic American Literature
- ___ ENGL 4415 or 4416: American Narrative to 1950: Beginnings-1865 or 1865-1950
(*junior standing required)
- ___ ENGL 4634 or 4644: American Author pre-1900 or post-1900 (*junior standing required)

Area II: History and Politics

- ___ HIST 1116: History of the United States II
- ___ HIST 2175: African American History I, 1619-1877
- ___ HIST 2176: African American History II, 1877-present
- ___ HIST 3004: Colonial America
- ___ HIST 3064: Emergence of Modern America, 1877-1917
- ___ HIST 3084: Recent America, 1917-Present
- ___ HIST 3104: United States Social History
- ___ HIST 3105: Women in U S History
- ___ HIST 3114: United States Business History
- ___ HIST 3106: Women in American History II
- ___ HIST 3144: American Environmental History
- ___ HIST 3156: History of American Cities II
- ___ PSCI 1014: US Government & Politics
- ___ PSCI 3255 or 3256: The Politics of Race, Ethnicity, and Gender
- ___ PSCI 3754: American Political Theory (*PRE: PSCI 1024)

Area III: The Arts and Communication

- ___ HUM (RLCL) 1504: Introduction to Popular Culture
- ___ **^ARCH 4214: Topics in Architecture History and Theory
(*PRE: ARCH 3115, 3116 or permission of instructor)
- ___ APS 2404: Folk Cultures in Appalachia
- ___ APS 2434: Cultural Politics of Music in Appalachia
- ___ ART 3784: European and American Art Since 1900 (*PRE: ART 2386 or permission of instructor)
- ___ ART 3884: American Art to 1914 (*PRE: ART 2386 or permission of instructor)
- ___ CINE 3514: American Cinema Genres (*PRE: CINE 2054)
- ___ HUM (AINS) 2104: Oral Traditions and Culture
- ___ HUM (RLCL) 3034: Theories of Popular Culture
- ___ MUS 3115: Music in America I
- ___ MUS 3116: Music in America II (Jazz)
- ___ SOC 4114: Sociology of Popular Music

Area IV: Cultural Studies

- ___ AFST 1714: Intro to African American Studies
- ___ AINS 1104: Introduction to American Indian Studies
- ___ **AINS 4004: Topics in American Indian Studies
- ___ APS (HUM) 1704: Introduction to Appalachian Studies
- ___ APS (HUM) (AHRM) (GEOG) (HD) (UAP) 3464: Appalachian Communities
(*PRE: Must have completed one 2000-level course in any cross-listing department.)
- ___ **HUM 4414: Critical Issues in Appalachian Studies (*PRE: HUM 1704)
- ___ LAR 4034: Evolution of the American Landscape
- ___ RLCL 2124: Religion in American Life
- ___ **^RLCL 4324: Topics in Religion and Culture (*PRE: RLCL 2004)
- ___ UAP 1024: Public Issues in an Urban Society
- ___ WGS 2264: Race, Class, and Gender
- ___ **^WGS 3004: Topics in Feminism (*PRE: WGS 1824)

* Please note pre-requisite(s) for this course.

** This course may be repeated for credit when the topic varies.

^ These variable topics courses may be included in the minor when the topic is relevant to American Studies, as approved by the minor coordinator.

Special offerings, including Independent Study, Undergraduate Research, and Study Abroad, and relevant courses in this or other departments may be used to fulfill requirements of up to six (6) credits for the minor where appropriate. Permission to count such courses must be granted by the minor coordinator. Courses taken to fulfill the requirements of the minor cannot be taken as pass/fail unless that is the only way the course is taught. Students should check the course catalogue for the latest information on course pre-requisites.

To graduate with a minor in American Studies, a student must have an over-all GPA of 2.0 and an in-minor GPA of 2.0 from all of the courses taken from the minor check-sheet.

For more information, consult the minor coordinator, Dr. Danille Christensen, 105 Major Williams, dec09@vt.edu