CROSSING BOUNDARIES. BUILDING COMMUNITY. ENGAGING CULTURE.

What can I do with an American Studies minor?

A background in American Studies can be useful in just about any vocation. Here are careers in which an American Studies degree can be particularly valuable:

- Human relations
- Diversity officer
- Marketing
- Museum interpretation
- Journalism
- Business
- Public relations
- Educational leadership
- Teaching
- Public service

Do you want to learn more?

For more information about American Studies at KSU, go to http://amst.hss.kennesaw.edu or contact Dr. Elizabeth Giddens, Coordinator of American Studies at egiddens@kennesaw.edu; phone: 770/423-6766.

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American Studies Minor

The American Studies Program at Kennesaw State University dedicates itself to crossing boundaries: disciplinary, social, cultural and institutional. The program is interdisciplinary, focusing on the study of American cultures as they exist locally, regionally, nationally and transnationally. With grounding in the content knowledge and methodologies from a range of fields, students actively pursue an understanding and critical analysis of the history, literature, arts, politics, language, philosophy and social practices of the multitude of American communities.

Through the use of project-based learning linked to their own professional development needs, interests, and abilities, the program engages students in an exchange of learning and service in local communities and abroad.

Why American Studies?

Students enroll in American Studies courses for a variety of reasons, but one thing you’ll hear again and again is that American Studies provides a way to bridge studies with those from other disciplines and fields.

Kennesaw State offers a 15-hour minor in American Studies that complements most majors. Students pursuing majors in English, History, Communication, Geography, Anthropology, Sociology, Business and Economics often minor in American Studies.

Which Courses Make Up the Minor?

Required courses (6 credit hours)
- AMST 3700 - Principles and Methods of American Studies
- AMST 3710 - U.S. in the World

Select at least two of the following courses (6-9 credit hours)
- AMST 3740 - American Popular Culture
- AMST 3750 - Place in American Culture
- AMST 3760 - American Identities
- AMST 3770 - American Cultural Productions
- AMST 3780 - American Cultural Movements
- AMST 4490 - Special Topics in American Studies

Electives (0-3 credit hours)

The balance of credits may be drawn from one of the following courses. Alternatively, students may take an additional course, as an elective, from the list of program courses above. With the permission of the American Studies coordinator, English majors may use one ENGL course toward minor AREA II electives, and history majors may use one HIST course toward minor AREA II electives.

- ANTH 3321 - Indigenous Peoples of North America
- ENGL 3340 - Ethnic Literatures *
- ENGL 3360 - Major African-American Writers *
- ENGL 3500 - Topics in African-American Literature
- ENGL 4360 - American Literature Before 1800
- ENGL 4460 - 19th-Century American Literature
- ENGL 4560 - 20th-Century American Literature
- FILM 3220 - Studies in Film *
- GWST 3010 - Queer Theory & Sexuality *
- GWST 3020 - Black Feminisms *
- GWST 3030 - Gender in Popular Culture
- HIST 3310 - The Old South
- HIST 3311 - The New South
- HIST 3315 - The History of the American West
- HIST 3331 - History of Religion in U.S.
- HIST 3332 - U.S. Social and Cultural History
- HIST 3333 - African-American History to 1865
- HIST 3335 - African-American History, 1865 to Present
- HIST 3341 - Women in U.S. History and Culture
- HIST 4335 - History and Memory
- PHIL 3020 - American Philosophy
- POLS 4427 - American Political Thought
- SOCI 3314 - Race and Ethnicity *

* Requires approval of American Studies Coordinator

Program Total (15 credit hours)