

American Studies at Western

The Centre for American Studies (CAS) was established at The University of Western Ontario in 1984 to promote a greater understanding of American culture, history, and politics. The Centre offers a wide range of courses in American Studies and encourages research that is interdisciplinary in nature. We have 55 associates drawn from Anthropology, Business, Economics, English, Geography, History, Information and Media Studies, and Political Science.

The American Studies Undergraduate Program

September 2005 marked the beginning of the American Studies Undergraduate Program, one of only a handful in Canada. This exciting and innovative program focuses on literature, history, cultural criticism, politics, government, music and the visual arts, in an effort to better understand the meaning and significance of the American identity.

A degree in American Studies prepares Canadian students for a host of possibilities that demand an understanding of the culture and politics of the United States. Possible careers include government jobs, teaching, business, journalism, broadcasting, tourism, and advanced research.

The following degrees are offered:

- **Honors Specialization in American Cultural Studies**
- **Honors Specialization in Canadian-American Relations**
- **Major in American Studies**
- **Minor in American Studies**

Honors Specialization in American Cultural Studies

Admission Requirements

Completion of first-year requirements with no failures. Students must have an average of at least 70% in 3.0 principal courses including American Studies 1020, History 1701E, Political Science 1020E, and/or one of English 1020E, 1022E, or 1024E, with no mark in these principal courses below 60%.

Module: 9.0 courses

1.0 course: American Studies 2200E: Advanced American Studies

1.0 course from:

English 3664E: American Literature

English 3665E: Topics in American Literature

1.0 course: History 2301E: United States, Colonial Period- Present

1.0 course: Political Science 2244E: American Govt and Politics

2.0 courses from:

American Studies 2230-2231F/G: Selected Topics

American Studies 3330-3340F/G: Selected Topics

English 2210F/G: Contemporary Theory and Criticism

English 2250F/G: Introduction to Cultural Studies

English 2460F/G: American Drama

English 4620F/G: Seminar in American Literature

Film Studies 2253E: American Cinema

Film Studies 2255E: Representation of Gender and Sexuality

History 3807E (formerly History 291E): Selected Topics

1.0 course from:

History 3305E: The United States 1783-1901

History 3307E: American Popular Culture (King's)

History 3309E: The American South (King's)

History 3315E: Selected Topics in US History

History 3396-3399F/G: Specialized Historical Studies

History 4301E: The United States in the Twentieth Century

History 4707E: Technology and Society in North America

History 4803E: Sex and Gender in the Modern World

1.0 course from:

Anthropology/FNS 2211F/G: Cultures of the Caribbean

Anthropology/FNS 2216F/G: Cultures of Latin America

Anthropology/FNS 2231F/G: Archaeology of North America

First Nations Studies 2132F/G: Cultures of Native North America

1.0 course from:

American Studies 4400E: Approaches to American Studies

American Studies 4420E: Independent Thesis in American Studies

American Studies 4430F/G: Directed Reading Course in Am Studies

Honors Specialization in Canadian-American Relations

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1.0 course: American Studies 2200E: Advanced American Studies

1.0 course: Political Science 2244E: American Government and Politics

1.0 course: History 2301E: The United States, Colonial Period to the Present

1.0 course from:

English 3664E: American Literature

English 3665E: Topics in American Literature

Anthropology/FNS 2211F/G: Cultures of the Caribbean

Anthropology/FNS 2216F/G: Cultures of Latin America

Anthropology/FNS 2230F/G: Arctic Archaeology

Anthropology/FNS 2231F/G:

Archaeology of North America

First Nations Studies 2132F/G:

Cultures of Native North America

4.0 courses (with no more than 2.0 from any one dept) from:

History 3319E: Foreign Policy of the United States since 1775

History 4301E: The United States in the Twentieth Century

History 4701E: Canada and the United States

History 4707E: Technology and Society in North America

Political Science 2211E: Business and Government

Political Science 3317G: Interest Groups and Social Movements

Political Science 3326E: Canadian-American Relations

Political Science 4401F/G: American Foreign Policy

Political Science 4444E: Constitutions in Canada and the US (King's)

1.0 course from:

American Studies 4400E: Approaches to American Studies

American Studies 4420E: Independent Thesis in American Studies

American Studies 4430F/G: Directed Reading Course in Am Studies



Major in American Studies

Admission Requirements

Completion of first-year requirements, including American Studies 1020 and 1.0 course from the following with a mark of at least 60% in each: History 1701E, Political Science 1020E, English 1020E, 1022E, or 1024E.

Module: 6.0 courses

1.0 course:

American Studies 2200E: Advanced American Studies

2.0 courses from:

English 3664E: American Literature
English 3665E: Topics in American Literature



History 2301E: The United States Colonial Period to the Present

Political Science 2244E: American Government and Politics

3.0 courses (with no more than 1.0 from any one dept) from:

American Studies 2230-2231F/G: Selected Topics

American Studies 3330-3340F/G: Selected Topics

Anthropology/FNS 2211F/G: Cultures of the Caribbean

Anthropology/FNS 2216F/G: Cultures of Latin America

Anthropology/FNS 2231F/G: Archaeology of North America

English 2017: Reading Popular Culture

English 2261F/G: Studies in the Construction, Performance and Representation of Identities

Film Studies 2152F/G: Contemporary American Cinema

Film Studies 2253E: American Cinema

First Nations Studies 2132F/G: Cultures of Native North America

Geography 2142A/B: Geopolitics

History 2703F/G: The Cultural Mosaic and the Melting Pot

History 3305E: The United States, 1783-1901

History 3315E: Selected Topics in US History- Religion and Spirituality in American History 1600-1990

History 3396-3399F/G: Specialized Historical Studies

Political Science 3317F/G: Interest Groups and Social Movements

Political Science 3326E: Canadian-American Relations

Minor in American Studies

Admission Requirements

Completion of first-year requirements, including American Studies 1020 and 1.0 course from the following with a mark of at least 60% in each: History 1701E, Political Science 1020E, English 1020E, 1022E, or 1024E.

Module: 4.0 courses

1.0 course: American Studies 2200E: Advanced American Studies

1.0 course from:

English 3664E: American Literature

English 3665E: Topics in American Literature

Film Studies 2253E: American Cinema

History 2301E: The United States Colonial Period to the Present

Political Science 2244E: American Government and Politics

2.0 courses from:

American Studies 2230-2231F/G: Selected Topics

American Studies 3330-3340F/G: Selected Topics

Anthropology/FNS 2211F/G: Cultures of the Caribbean

Anthropology/FNS 2216F/G: Cultures of Latin America

Anthropology/FNS 2231F/G: Archaeology of North America

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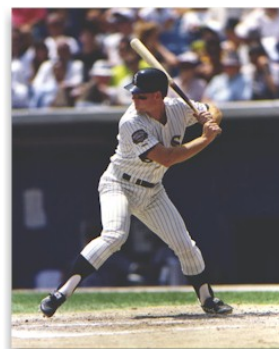
History 3315E: Selected Topics in US History- Religion and Spirituality in US History 1600-1990

History 3396-3399F/G:

Specialized Historical Studies

Political Science 2102A/B: Capitalism and Democracy

Political Science 2104: The United Nations in the New Millennium



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