ADDITIONAL OFFERINGS

Students may enroll in the interdisciplinary course, AMST 490. Topics vary from semester to semester; students should see Program Coordinator about course substitutions. Recent offerings have included:

- The War in Vietnam in Literature, Film, and Memory
- The Life and Times of James Madison
- Marriage, Sexuality and Reform in Early America
- Pioneer Performances
- Growing Up Hyphenated
- Birth of a Nation: The Idea of America, 1890-1920

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WHAT IS AMERICAN STUDIES?

American Studies is the oldest multidisciplinary course of study in higher education, with programs beginning in the 1930s. In 1951 the American Studies Association was founded, and its national journal, *American Quarterly*, along with a number of regional associations and publications, give coherence and direction to American Studies. Today, more than one hundred fifty colleges and universities offer American Studies programs ranging from minors to doctorates.

This interdisciplinary approach to the study of American culture integrates the insights of many disciplines, making the minor an excellent vehicle to deepen your area of major concentration or broaden your studies beyond your major. American Studies minors have the opportunity to:

- Choose courses from diverse disciplinary categories in multicultural studies, ideas and the arts, and history and politics;
- Consolidate and synthesize their work in General Education to form a cohesive minor program;
- Develop skills in critical thinking and analysis, synthesis of diverse ideas, and multicultural awareness;
- Prepare for careers in law, journalism, museum and historical society work, archiving, and secondary-school teaching.

**MINOR REQUIREMENTS**

- **Core Requirements**
  - AMST 200 Intro to American Studies 3cr
  - Elective: Any one course from below 3cr

- **Multicultural Studies**
  - Choose two from the courses below:
    - SOCI 336 Race and Ethnic Relations
    - ANTH 312 The Native Americans
    - ANTH 265 People and Cultures in Latin America
    - ENG 260 Survey of African American Literature
    - HIST 320 Women in US History
    - HIST 355 or HIST 356 Afro-American History
    - REL 330 African-American Religion

- **Ideas and the Arts**
  - Choose two from the courses below:
    - ARTH 480 American Art to 1870
    - ARTH 482 American Art from 1870
    - ARTH 484 Art of the Americas
    - ENG 247 Survey of American Literature: From the Beginning to the Civil War
    - ENG 248 Survey of American Literature: From the Civil War to the Modern Period
    - MUS 203 Music in America
    - SMAD 372 Media History
    - THEA 485 American Theatre History
    - PHIL 370 American Philosophy
    - POSC 330 American Political Thought

- **History and Politics**
  - Choose two from the courses below:
    - HIST 225 United States History
    - POSC 225 U.S. Government
    - HIST 310 American Business History
    - SOCI 302 Business in American Society
    - POSC 369 Political Parties and Elections or
    - POSC 385 Legislative Process
    - SCOM 346 Free Speech

*Total: 24cr*