

AMERICAN STUDIES, BS

Degree Requirements

Requirements for Students Matriculating in or before Academic Year 2026-2027. Learn more about University Academic Regulation 3.1 (<https://catalog.okstate.edu/university-academic-regulations/#matriculation>).

Minimum Overall Grade Point Average: 2.00

Total Hours: 120

Code	Title	Hours
General Education Requirements		
<i>English Composition</i>		
See Academic Regulation 3.5 (https://catalog.okstate.edu/university-academic-regulations/#english-composition)		
ENGL 1113	Composition I	3
or ENGL 1313	Critical Analysis and Writing I	
ENGL 1213	Composition II	3
or ENGL 1413	Critical Analysis and Writing II	
or ENGL 3323	Technical Writing	
<i>American History & Government</i>		
HIST 1103	Survey of American History	3
or HIST 1483	American History to 1865 (H)	
or HIST 1493	American History Since 1865 (DH)	
POLS 1113	American Government	3
<i>Quantitative Thought & Logical Reasoning (Q)</i>		
MATH or STAT course designated (Q)		3
<i>Understanding Humanities-Human Heritage & Cultures (H)</i>		
Courses designated (H)		6
<i>Reasoning in the Natural Sciences (N)</i>		
Must include one Laboratory-Based Inquiry (L) course		
Courses designated (N)		6
<i>Exploring Society & Human Behavior (S)</i>		
Courses designated (S)		3
<i>Diversity (D)</i>		
Courses designated (D)		3
<i>Global Cultural Competency (G)</i>		
Courses designated (G)		3
<i>Additional General Education</i>		
Additional general education credit hours (at least 4 hours) are required to meet the total 40-hour minimum. If courses carry more than one general education designation and can be used to meet multiple minimum general education designation hours above, more than 4 hours of additional general education will be required here to meet the 40-hour minimum.		
Courses designated (Q), (H), (N), (S), (D), (G), or (F).		4
Subtotal Hours		40
College/Departmental Requirements		
UNIV 1111	First Year Seminar (or other approved first-year seminar course)	1
<i>Arts & Humanities</i>		
See note 2.a.		3
<i>Natural & Mathematical Sciences</i>		

See note 2.b.	9
<i>Foreign Language</i>	
See note 3	
0-6 hours	
<i>Upper-division General Education</i>	
6 hours outside AMST, American History and American Literature	
See note 2.c.	
Subtotal Hours	13
Major Requirements	
Minimum GPA 2.50. Minimum grade of "C" in all AMST upper-division courses. No more than 9 hours in Major Requirements may be taken from 2000-level courses.	
AMST 3223	Theories and Methods of American Studies 3
AMST 4973	Senior Seminar in American Studies 3
<i>American Studies</i>	
Select 9 hours (6 hours must be upper division) of AMST courses other than AMST 3223 & AMST 4973; and courses listed in the following four categories.	9
<i>American History</i>	
Select 6 hours of the following (3 hours must be upper-division):	6
HIST 2133	African Diaspora History(DH)
HIST 2153	African American History, 1619-1865 (DH)
HIST 2163	African American History, 1865-Present (DH)
HIST 2333	American Thought and Culture: Survey (H)
HIST 2343	Religion in America (DH)
HIST 3613	American Colonial Period to 1750 (H)
HIST 3623	Era of the American Revolution (H)
HIST 3633	Early National Period, 1787-1828 (H)
HIST 3643	Antebellum America, 1828-1850 (H)
HIST 3653	Civil War and Reconstruction, 1850-1877
HIST 3663	U.S History 1877-1919 (H)
HIST 3673	United States History, 1919-45 (DH)
HIST 3683	United States History Since 1945 (DH)
HIST 3693	The Modern West (H)
HIST 3703	Oklahoma History (DH)
HIST 3713	Women in the American West (DH)
HIST 3753	Trans-Mississippi West (DH)
HIST 3763	American Southwest (DH)
HIST 3773	The American South to 1860
HIST 3793	Native American History (DH)
HIST 3803	History of Food (H)
HIST 3853	History of the North American Borderlands (DH)
HIST 4063	Historic Preservation
HIST 4073	Digital Methods in History
HIST 4173	Black Intellectual History (DH)
HIST 4253	U.S. Foreign Relations to 1945 (H)
HIST 4273	U.S. Foreign Relations Since 1945 (H)
HIST 4353	American Military History (H)
HIST 4363	US History through Popular and Unpopular Music (DH)
HIST 4453	History and Film (H)

HIST 4463	American Cultural History to 1865 (H)
HIST 4483	American Cultural History Since 1865 (H)
HIST 4493	Frontier in American Memory (H)
HIST 4513	Economic History of the US (S)
HIST 4523	American Environmental History (H)
HIST 4543	Vietnam War (GH)
HIST 4553	Gender in America (DH)
HIST 4563	Cold War (GH)
HIST 4593	America in International Perspective (H)
<i>American Literary and Cultural Studies</i>	
Select 6 hours of the following (3 hours must be upper-division):	
ENGL 2453	Introduction to Film and Television (H)
ENGL 2773	Survey of American Literature I (H)
ENGL 2883	Survey of American Literature II (DH)
ENGL 3153	Readings in Literature by Women (DH)
ENGL 3183	Native American Literature (DH)
ENGL 3190	Readings in Postcolonial and Multiethnic Literature
ENGL 3193	African-American Literature (DH)
ENGL 3410	Readings in Popular Fiction
ENGL 3453	History of American Film (H)
ENGL 3473	Race, Gender, and Ethnicity in American Film (D)
ENGL 3503	Television and American Society (DH)
ENGL 3813	Readings in the American Experience (DH)
ENGL 4093	Language in America (DS)
ENGL 4200	Studies in Early American Literature
ENGL 4210	Studies in 19th Century American Literature
ENGL 4220	Studies in 20th Century American Literature
ENGL 4230	Literature of Diversity
ENGL 4333	Studies in Native American Literature
ENGL 4400	Studies in Regional Literature
<i>Humanities and Interdisciplinary Studies</i>	
Select 6 hours of the following:	
AFAM 1113	Introduction to Africana Studies (DH)
AMIS 2013	Introduction to American Indian Studies (D)
AMST 2683	Introduction to Digital Humanities (H)
AMIS 4013	American Indian Sovereignty (D)
AMST 3503	Television and American Society (DH)
AMST 3513	Film And American Society (H)
AMST 3550	The Arts and American Society
AMST 3673	History Of American Art (DH)
ART 3663	History of American Art (DH)
ART 3683	History of 20th Century Art (GH)
ART 4613	Art Since 1960
ART 4763	Native American Art and Material Culture
GEOG 3093	Historical Geography of North America to 1800 (H)
GEOG 3213	Digital Worlds: Culture, Identity, and Community (H)

GEOG 4103	Historical Geography of North America since 1800 (H)
GEOG 4223	Geography of Music (H)
GWST 2123	Introduction to Gender Studies (DH)
GWST 3513	Theorizing Sexualities (D)
GWST 3613	Race and Reproduction in the U.S. (D)
GWST 3713	Gender and Representation (D)
GWST 4113	Feminist Theories
GWST 4503	Theorizing Men and Masculinities
MUSI 3573	America's Ethnic Music (DH)
MUSI 3741	Survey of Rock and Roll I
MUSI 3751	Survey of Rock and Roll II
PHIL 2043	Philosophy of Film (H)
PHIL 2053	Philosophy in Literature (H)
PHIL 2513	Philosophy, Self, & Society (H)
PHIL 3413	Ethical Theory (H)
PHIL 3513	Social & Political Philosophy (H)
PHIL 3613	Philosophy of Religion (H)
PHIL 3623	Philosophy of Race (DH)
PHIL 3633	MLK, Jr., Malcolm X, & Philosophy of Race (DH)
PHIL 3773	Social Media & Philosophy (H)
PHIL 3813	American Philosophy (H)
PHIL 3843	Philosophy of Law (H)
PHIL 3853	Pragmatism (H)
PHIL 4113	Philosophy & the Arts (H)
REL 4033	Religion in Early America (H)
<i>Social Sciences</i>	
Select 6 hours of the following:	
AMST 3333	Crime, Law and American Culture (S)
AMST 4103	The Death Penalty in America (S)
ECON 3823	American Economy: The Past and Present (S)
ECON 4913	Urban and Regional Economics
GEOG 3123	Urban Geography (S)
GEOG 3133	Political Geography (GS)
GEOG 3163	Economic Geography (S)
GEOG 3173	Cultural Geography (S)
GEOG 3243	Legal Geography of Native America, Sovereign Tribal Nations, and Indian Country (DS)
GEOG 3703	Geography Of Oklahoma (S)
GEOG 3713	Exploring North America and Diversity (DS)
GEOG 4113	Environment and Development
GEOG 4143	Geography of Travel and Tourism
GEOG 4213	Sport, Place and Society (S)
GWST 2113	Transnational Women's Studies (S)
POLS 2023	The Individual And The Law
POLS 2423	Voting and Elections
POLS 3353	Political Parties
POLS 3443	Pol Campaigns And Candidacy
POLS 3453	U.S. Congress
POLS 3483	The American Presidency

POLS 3493	Public Policy	
POLS 3513	Public Opinion and Polling	
POLS 3523	Money, Media And Politics	
POLS 3533	Lobbying and the Power of Organized Interests	
POLS 3613	State and Local Government	
POLS 3663	Introduction to Political Thought	
POLS 3683	Politics in Contemporary Film	
POLS 3953	Minorities in the American Political System (DS)	
POLS 3963	State Courts and the Bar	
POLS 3973	Race, Politics and Sports (D)	
POLS 3983	Courts and Judicial Process (S)	
POLS 4000	Advanced Topics in American Politics	
POLS 4013	American Foreign Policy	
POLS 4223	Social Movements	
POLS 4403	Urban Politics and Management	
POLS 4553	American Political Thought	
POLS 4573	Democratic Theory	
POLS 4623	Oklahoma Politics (S)	
POLS 4693	Gender and Politics	
POLS 4963	U.S. Constitution: Civil Rights and Civil Liberties	
POLS 4973	U.S. Constitution: Separation of Powers	
SOC 2123	Social Problems (DS)	
SOC 3133	Racial and Ethnic Relations (DS)	
SOC 3323	Collective Behavior and Social Movements	
SOC 3343	Technology and Society	
SOC 3523	Juvenile Delinquency (DS)	
SOC 3713	Religion, Culture and Society	
SOC 3993	Sociology of Aging (DS)	
SOC 4043	Gender and Work (DS)	
SOC 4103	The Death Penalty in America (S)	
SOC 4213	Sociology of Sexualities (S)	
SOC 4333	Criminology (S)	
SOC 4383	Social Stratification (S)	
SOC 4433	Environmental Sociology (S)	
SOC 4453	Environmental Inequality (S)	
SOC 4473	Oklahoma Environmental Sociology	
SOC 4643	Sociology of Gender (S)	
SOC 4723	Sociology of Families (S)	
9 hours upper-division courses		9
Subtotal Hours		48
Electives		19
May need to include 6 hours of a foreign language. See note 3.		
May need to include 6 hours upper-division general education outside AMST, American History and American Literature (see note 2.c.) and 1 additional upper-division hour.		
Subtotal Hours		19
Total Hours		120

Other Requirements

- See the College of Arts and Sciences Requirements.
- **Upper-Division Credit:** Total hours must include at least 40 hours in courses numbered 3000 or above.

College of Arts and Sciences Requirements

1. **Hours in One Department:** For B.A. and B.S. degrees, no more than 54 hours in one department may be required to meet degree requirements. Courses used to satisfy the General Education English Composition, U.S. History, American Government, and Mathematics or Statistics requirements will not count toward the 54-hour maximum required from one department.
2. **A&S College/Departmental Requirements**
 - a. Arts and Humanities are defined as any course carrying an (H) designation or courses from AMST, ART, DANC, ENGL (except ENGL 3323 Technical Writing) HIST, MUSI, PHIL (except PHIL 1313 Logic and Critical Thinking (Q), PHIL 3003 Symbolic Logic (Q) and PHIL 4003 Mathematical Logic and Computability), REL, TH, and foreign languages.
 - b. Natural and Mathematical Sciences are defined as any course from the following prefixes: ASTR, BIOG, BIOL, CHEM, CS (except CS 4883 Social Issues in Computing), GEOL, MATH, MICR, PBIO, PHYS, and STAT; or courses from other departments that carry an (Q) or (N) general education designation.
 - c. Six upper-division hours are required from General Education or any CAS courses outside the student's major department (<https://catalog.okstate.edu/college-arts-sciences-major-departments/>). This requirement may be satisfied by courses also used to satisfy any part of a student's degree program (i.e., in General Education, College Departmental Requirements, Major Requirements or Electives).
 - d. Non-Western Studies Requirement for B.A. and B.F.A.; One course in Non-Western Studies (N.W.). This requirement may be satisfied by courses also used to satisfy any part of a student's degree program (i.e., in General Education, College Departmental Requirements, Major Requirements or Electives).
 - e. The College of Arts & Sciences requires a minimum 2.0 GPA in all major requirements and a minimum 2.0 GPA in all major-prefix courses applied to the degree.
3. **Foreign Language Proficiency**
 - a. The foreign language requirement for the B.A. may be satisfied by 9 hours college credit in the same language, which must include 3 hours at the 2000-level, or equivalent proficiency (e.g., passing an advanced standing examination; TOEFL exam; presenting a high school transcript which demonstrates the high school was primarily conducted in a language other than English; etc.). Computer Science courses may not be used to satisfy this requirement. Currently Arabic and Mvskoke are not offered at the 2000-level at OSU.
 - b. The foreign language requirement for the B.S., B.M. and B.F.A. may be satisfied by presenting a high school transcript which demonstrates two years of study of a single foreign language (passing grades at second-year level of study). It may also be satisfied by 6 hours college credit in the same language, which must include language courses 1713 and 1813, or equivalent proficiency (e.g., passing an advanced standing examination; TOEFL exam; presenting a high school transcript

which demonstrates the high school was primarily conducted in a language other than English; etc.). Computer Science courses may not be used to satisfy this requirement.

- c. In addition to a. and b., students pursuing teacher certification must meet novice-high foreign language proficiency by presenting a high school transcript which demonstrates two years of study of a single foreign language with no grade below B. Or, students may complete 3 hours college credit in a single language with no grade below C (or pass an advanced standing examination, College Level Examination Program (CLEP) exam, or Oral Proficiency Interview developed by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, equivalent to 3 hours of college credit.) Or, students may meet the requirement by transfer of documentation of meeting the foreign language competency from one of the teacher education programs in the State of Oklahoma approved by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.
4. **Exclusions.** Courses with ATHL or LEIS prefixes and leisure activity courses may not be used for degree credit.

Additional State/OSU Requirements

- At least: 60 hours at a four-year institution; 30 hours completed at OSU; 15 of the final 30 or 50% of the upper-division hours in the major field completed at OSU.
- Limit of: one-half of major course requirements as transfer work; one-fourth of hours earned by correspondence; 8 transfer correspondence hours.
- Students will be held responsible for degree requirements in effect at the time of matriculation and any changes that are made, so long as these changes do not result in semester credit hours being added or do not delay graduation.
- Degrees that follow this plan must be completed by the end of Summer 2032.

Example Plan of Study

Finish in Four Plan of Study

The plan below is an example of how students can successfully complete degree requirements in four years. This suggested class schedule plan may be used as a guide and can be adjusted based on individual needs. Students are required to meet with an academic advisor prior to enrollment each semester to plan their class schedule, and students are ultimately responsible for completing all degree requirements.

Course	Title	Hours
Freshman		
Fall		
ENGL 1113	Composition I	3
AMST 2103	Introduction to American Studies (DH)	3
General Education courses		9
Hours		15
Spring		
ENGL 1213	Composition II	3
General Education courses		12
Hours		15
Sophomore		
Fall		
General Education courses		15
Hours		15

Spring		
Major, College, and Elective courses		15
Hours		15
Junior		
Fall		
AMST 3223	Theories and Methods of American Studies	3
Major, College, and Elective courses		12
Hours		15
Spring		
Major, College, and Elective courses		15
Hours		15
Senior		
Fall		
Major, College, and Elective courses		15
Hours		15
Spring		
AMST 4973	Senior Seminar in American Studies	3
Major, College, and Elective courses		12
Hours		15
Total Hours		120