

American Studies

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Overview of Academic Major

Within the 144 credits for required for a degree, students complete a total of 51 credits in American Studies, 27 of which are required courses, Electives within the major should be focused on one aspect of American Culture (politics, economics, literature, etc.). Additional degree requirements are fulfilled by 54 credits of General Education, a course in Research Methods, and 36 elective credits (these may be chosen from additional American Studies courses, other departmental courses or courses counting towards a minor). All students are required to successfully complete a Senior Thesis, TOEFL, as well as the State subject exam and the History of Kyrgyzstan exam.

Required departmental courses (27 credits)

AMS 101	Intro to American Studies (3)
AMS 140	Survey of American Literature to 1865 (3)
AMS 241	Survey of American Literature 1865 to present (3)
AMS 110	Survey of American History to 1865 (3)
AMS 211	Survey of American History 1865 to present (3)
AMS 226	American Government and Politics (3)
AMS 260	American Society (3) (includes writing component)
AMS 414	Senior Seminar I (3) *
AMS 416	Senior Seminar II (3)

* the course has three pre-requisites: AMS 101 – Intro to American Studies

AMS 260 – American Society

AMS 360 – Research methods

Required Courses (27) + Major Electives (24 credits) = 51 Total Credits

Suggested Four-Year Plan

Year 1, Fall Semester

FYS 114 First Year Seminar I (6)
AMS 101 Intro to American Studies (3)
COM 102 Intro to Computers (3)
Social Science GE (outside AMS dept) (3)
Kyrgyz or Russian Language (3)
Total credits = 18

Year 2, Fall Semester

AMS 140 Survey of American Lit to 1865 (3)
AMS 110 Survey of American Hist to 1865 (3)
Natural Science GE (3)

Year 1, Spring Semester

FYS 114.1 First Year Seminar II (6)
AMS 260 American Society (3)
HIST 108 History of Kyrgyzstan (3)
Humanities GE (outside AMS dept) (3)
Kyrgyz or Russian Language (3)
Total credits = 18

Year 2, Spring Semester

AMS 241 Survey of American Lit 1865 to present (3)
AMS 211 Survey of American Hist 1865 to present (3)
Social Science GE (outside AMS dept) (3)

Mathematics (3)
PHI 105 Intro to Philosophy (3)
Humanities GE (outside AMS dept) (3)
Total credits = 18

Year 3, Fall Semester

AMS 226 American Government/Politics (3)
Major Electives (6)
Sports (1-3)
Arts (1-3)
Elective to reach 18 credits
Total credits = 18

Year 4, Fall Semester

Senior Seminar I (3)*
Electives in Major (6)
Sports/Arts (if needed, 1-3)
Elective to reach 18
Total credits = 18

Research Methods (3)
NTR 104 History and Philosophy of Science (3)
Elective (3)
Total credits = 18

Year 3, Spring Semester

Major Electives (9)
Sports (1-3)
Arts (1-3)
Electives to reach 18 credits
Total credits = 18

Year 4, Spring Semester

Senior Seminar II (3)
Elective in Major (3)
Sports/Arts (if needed, 1-3)
Electives to reach 18
Total credits = 18

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AMS 260 – American Society
AMS 360 – Research methods

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