

American Studies (AMS) Major Checklist

Quarter started: _____

Need _____ transcripts by _____

180 credits required for graduation

As of _____, credits completed: _____

Credits required for major: _____

Credits needed beyond major requirements (to reach 180 credit minimum): _____

American Studies Major – 90 credits required

10 credits of Core Courses	
BIS 300 Interdisciplinary Inquiry <i>(required first quarter course)</i>	
American Studies Core <i>(BISAMS 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, or 368)</i>	
5 credit Skills & Methods Course	
BIS 312 Approaches to Social Research OR BIS 340 Approaches to Cultural Research	
30 credits of American Studies Coursework <i>(may include 15 lower division credits only)</i>	
20 credits of Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences (IAS) Coursework*	
3 credit BIS 499 Portfolio Capstone <i>(min. grade 2.5)</i>	
22 credits of General Electives <i>(100-400 level at UW Bothell, 300-400 level elsewhere)</i>	



Areas of Knowledge	
<i>25 credits must be completed in each Area of Knowledge. At least 10 credits in each Area must be completed in courses from UW Bothell. Multiply-designated courses cannot fulfill two Areas of Knowledge.</i>	
<i>These credits may overlap with the American Studies Major Requirements.</i>	
Visual, Literary & Performing Arts (VLPA)	
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VLPA (UWB)	
VLPA (UWB)	
Individual and Societies (I&S)	
I&S	
I&S	
I&S	
I&S (UWB)	
I&S (UWB)	
The Natural World (NW)	
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NW (UWB)	
NW (UWB)	

Additional "W" or writing credits needed: _____
(10 "W" credits are required. 8 will be completed through BIS 300 & 499.)

*IAS Courses are offered under the following prefixes: BES, BIS, BISAMS, BISCLA, BISCP, BISGST, BISIA, BISLEP, BISMCS, BISSEB, and BISSTS.

Lower Division Credit Policy
Up to 35 credits of lower division coursework (100-200 level) coursework **at UW Bothell** may count toward the 90 major credits. These 35 credits may be taken in any combination of the following up to a total of 35 credits: AMS Coursework (15 credits only), Additional IAS Coursework, and General Electives. All other major credits must be at the upper division (300-400) level. Lower division (100-200 level) courses from other institutions (including UW Seattle) will not count in the 90 major credits.

American Studies (AMS) Courses

American Studies (AMS) Core

BISAMS 363 Conflict and Connection in the Americas
BISAMS 364 Public Memory and Dissent in American Culture
BISAMS 365 Popular and Consumer Culture
BISAMS 366 Americans at the Margins
BISAMS 367 Race, Ethnicity, and Immigration
BISAMS 368 Sex, Love, Romance
BISMAS 369 American Culture and Mass Media

Skills & Methods

BIS 312 Approaches to Social Research
BIS 340 Approaches to Cultural Research

American Studies (AMS) Courses

BIS 204 Introduction to Journalism
BIS 219 The Politics of Sex Education
BIS 224 Introduction to Feminist Studies
BIS 233 Participatory Media Culture
BIS 235 Critical Media Literacy
BIS 242 Environmental Geography
BIS 275 Social Problems
BIS 280 U.S. Political Processes
BIS 309 History of Dance in Europe and America
BIS 318 Education and Society
BIS 321 US History from 1865
BIS 323 US History to 1865
BIS 325 Disability and Human Rights
BIS 327 History of U.S. Labor Institutions
BIS 330 Democratic Capitalism in the United States
BIS 335 Human Rights in America
BIS 336 Native American Cultures: The Northwest Coast
BIS 338 Political Institutions and Processes
BIS 347 History of American Documentary Film
BIS 351 Topics in American Culture
BIS 353 Human Rights in Theory and Practice
BIS 357 Native American Religious and Phil Thought
BIS 361 Studies in American Literature
BIS 369 Women Across Cultures
BIS 370 Nineteenth Century American Literature
BIS 371 Twentieth Century American Literature
BIS 378 Languages of Poetry
BIS 379 American Ethnic Literatures
BIS 383 American Art and Architecture
BIS 385 Cross-Cultural Oral Traditions
BIS 387 Women and American Literature
BIS 389 American Indian Literature
BIS 391 Environmental History of the Pacific Northwest
BIS 392 Water and Sustainability
BIS 403 Washington D.C. Seminar on Human Rights
BIS 407 Children's Literature and Reader Response Criticism
BIS 410 Topics in Qualitative Inquiry
BIS 414 Topics in Human Rights
BIS 415 Public Policy and Law
BIS 418 Masculinity, Homoeroticism, and Queer Theory in America
BIS 419 Urban Politics and Policy
BIS 421 Technology Policy
BIS 423 The City in American Culture
BIS 424 Topics in American Studies
BIS 425 Topics in United States Social and Political History
BIS 426 Comparative Urban Politics
BIS 433 Gender, Work and Family
BIS 436 Comparative Family Systems
BIS 443 Educational Policy and the American Economy
BIS 445 Meanings and Realities of Inequality
BIS 451 Northwest Indian Myths and Tales
BIS 455 Literature and Sexuality

BIS 461 Studies in U.S. Intellectual and Cultural History
BIS 462 The Culture of the Cold War in America
BIS 463 U.S. Women's History
BIS 465 Performance, History, Memory
BIS 466 Human Rights and Resistance
BIS 467 Post-1945 U.S. Youth Culture
BIS 468 Human Rights and Sustainable Development
BIS 470 Art, Politics, and Social Change
BIS 481 Modernism, Postmodernism, and American Literature
BIS 487 Topics in American Literature
BIS 497 Political Internship in State Government (max. 5 credits)

BISCLA 318 Performance, Identity, Community and Everyday Life
BISCLA 349 Hollywood Cinema and Genres
BISCLA 360 Literature, Film and Consumer Culture
BISCLA384 Literary and Popular Genres

BISCP 343 Community Psychology

BISGST 362 Contemporary Political Ideas and Ideologies

BISIA 319 Interdisciplinary Arts
BISIA 484 Arts Learning in the Community

BISMCS 333 Media and Communication Studies

BISSEB 304 Institutions and Social Change
BISSEB 331 The Family in U.S. Society
BISSEB 333 The Individual and Society
BISSEB 359 Ethics and Society

BISSTS 307 Science, Technology, and Society

BEDUC 320 Education & Society
BEDUC 325 The Dream Project (max. 6 credits may apply)
BEDUC 475 Global Perspectives on Diversity and Citizenship Education (3 credits)

May count in American Studies (determined by topic)

BIS 293 Special Topics
BIS 305 Issues in Social and Political Philosophy
BIS 308 Issues in Philosophy and Culture
BIS 314 Topics in Geography
BIS 322 Topics in Performance Studies
BIS 339 Issues in Global Cultural Studies
BIS 341 Topics in the Study of Culture
BIS 393 Special Topics
BIS 396 Topics in Sustainability
BIS 397 Topics in Environmental Studies
BIS 401 Topics in Economic History and Analysis
BIS 431 Issues in Sexual Politics and Culture
BIS 440 Topics in Everyday Social and Cultural Life
BIS 444 Issues in Comparative History
BIS 449 Advanced Topics in Psychology
BIS 460 Topics in Critical Theory
BIS 464 Topics in Advanced Cinema Studies
BIS 476 Issues in Art History
BIS 485 Topics in Cultural Studies
BIS 486 Studies in Women and Literature
BIS 491 Topics in Policy Studies
BIS 493 Special Topics
BIS 496 Community Service Project
BISMCS 471 Advanced Topics in Media and Communication
BISMCS 472 Advanced Media Production Workshop