American Studies is an interdisciplinary major/minor that educates students for responsible leadership and productive careers. It encourages students to use multiple academic disciplines and perspectives to explore the complexity and diversity of this nation’s history, literature, and culture. Students learn the role of ideas, discourse, and events in creating American culture. They examine the interplay of race, regional identity, politics, capitalism, globalization, and popular culture in developing an American identity.

Majors complete ten (10) courses from at least five disciplines, including at least one class from each of the four core departments (English, History, Political Science, and Sociology). Students must also take at least one class from a department outside the four core departments. While study abroad is encouraged, a maximum of five (5) transfer courses will be counted toward the major.

**CORE COURSES**

Six (6) courses required. AMST 200, AMST 490, two (2) lower-level core course and two (2) upper-level core courses from lists below.

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Lower-level Core Courses:
- ENG 229 Selected Studies in American Literature
- HIST 143 US from 1877
- SOC 111 Social Problems

Upper-level Core Courses:
- ENG 303 Historical Approaches to American Literature
- ENG 304 Genre Study in American Literature
- ENG 329/429 Selected Studies in American Literature
- HIST 311 History of American Sexuality
- HIST 347 History of Urban America
- HIST 346 America since 1945
- HIST 370 Race and Ethnicity in the United States
- HIST 375 Aspects of War: History of the Vietnam War
- POL 252 American Civil Rights Policy
- POL 343 American Presidency
- POL 346 American Voting and Elections

**ELECTIVES**

Elective offerings will vary semester by semester. Below is a list of possible courses. Check the course schedules in the departments of Art History, Economics, English, Environmental Studies, History, Music, Political Science, Philosophy and Religion, Sociology, and Theater for the most current list of classes that have the American Studies elective designation.

Two (2) lower-level elective course and two (2) upper-level elective course from the lists below.

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Lower-level Elective Courses (see Catalogue for complete list of electives):
- ARH 260 Modern American Art
- ECO 121 Economics of Contemporary Issues
- ENG 242 Contemporary American Short Fiction
- ENV 289 Nature and the City
- HIST 241 African American History II

Upper-level Elective Courses:
- Any of the upper level core courses
- ARH 365 Special Studies: Modern American Art
- ECO 321 Labor Economics

See the Rollins College Catalogue for a comprehensive listing of all requirements.