

American Studies, BA

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ASU is no longer accepting new students to this program. Students interested in this program should apply to the BA in Social and Cultural Analysis with a concentration in American Studies

Program Description

The School of Humanities, Arts and Cultural Studies offers a BA in American studies in the New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences at ASU's West campus.

This program — the only undergraduate American studies degree in the state — is a place for rigorous and adventurous conversations about American culture, politics and history, exploring knowledge beyond disciplinary boundaries, bringing differing perspectives and understandings into dialogue with one another, and generating a unique level of intellectual rigor and excitement.

To this end, the goals of the American Studies program are to create a community of learning through classroom instruction, internship and study abroad experiences, program field trips, and activities and lectures; encourage knowledge and innovation in coursework as well as through the capstone thesis project; and help students synthesize and critically evaluate knowledge from diverse fields about American history and culture.

This major is eligible for the Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) program at the following location: West campus. Students from Western states who select this major and campus may be eligible for reduced nonresident tuition at a rate of 150 percent of Arizona resident tuition plus all applicable fees. See more information and eligibility requirements on the Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) program.

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At a Glance

- College/School: New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences
- Additional Program Fee: No
- Second Language Requirement: No
- First Required Math Course: MAT 142 - College Mathematics
- Math Intensity: General

Required Courses (Major Map)

2016 - 2017 Major Map
Major Map (Archives)

Accelerated Degrees

This degree is also offered as an accelerated degree with:

- Communication Studies, MA
- Interdisciplinary Studies, MA
- Social Justice and Human Rights, MA

Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. Eligible students will be advised in their junior and senior years by their academic department to apply.

Admission Requirements

General University Admission Requirements:

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.
Freshman | Transfer | International | Readmission

Transfer Agreements

ASU has partnered with the following institutions to provide curriculum pathways for transfer to this ASU degree program:

- Maricopa County Community College District
- Arizona Western College
- Central Arizona College
- Coconino Community College
- Cochise College
- Northland Pioneer College
- Pima Community College
- Yavapai College
- Eastern Arizona College

If your college or university is not listed, please click here.

Career Opportunities

Graduates are well equipped to embark on a wide variety of careers in government, education, business, museum and foundation work, journalism and other forms of professional writing, and in other areas where these capabilities are highly valued and sought. The program also serves as excellent preparation for law school and for graduate programs in fields such as:

- American studies
- art history
- English
- history
- journalism

Career examples include but are not limited to those shown in the following list. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

Career	*Growth	*Median Salary
Archivist	6.8%	\$49,120
Communication Professor	9.7%	\$62,550
Compliance Manager 	3.9%	\$105,060
Copy Writer	2.3%	\$58,850
Cultural Studies Professor 	15.1%	\$68,950
Editor		\$54,890
Education Professor	9.1%	\$59,720
High School Teacher 	5.8%	\$56,310
Historian	1.7%	\$55,870
History Professor	10.0%	\$66,840
Investment Fund Manager 	3.9%	\$105,060
Middle School Teacher 	5.9%	\$54,940
Museum Curator	8.0%	\$51,280
Museum Exhibit Designer	5.2%	\$39,940
News Director		\$61,450
News Reporter 		\$36,000
Political Analyst		\$104,920
Political Science Professor	9.7%	\$73,790
Politician		\$20,180
Regulatory Affairs Manager 	3.9%	\$105,060
Security Manager 	3.9%	\$105,060
Social Services Director	9.5%	\$62,740
Store Security Manager 	3.9%	\$105,060
Supply Chain Manager 	3.9%	\$105,060

* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).

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