

AMERICAN STUDIES, B.A. (UNIVERSITY COLLEGE)

Seven Penn State campuses are scheduled for closure after Spring 2027: DuBois, Fayette, New Kensington, Mont Alto, Shenango, Wilkes-Barre, and York. New students are not being admitted at these campuses.

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: Brandywine

Program Learning Objectives

- Recognize many of the ways Americans have expressed, institutionalized, celebrated, and contested identity in history, politics, literature, and culture.
- Gain awareness of (or in an upper-level course gain and demonstrate a deeper awareness and understanding of) the social, economic, political, and cultural diversity of the American experience, especially in terms of class, ethnicity, gender, race, and geography.
- Identify major themes and issues prompted by the questions, "What does it mean to be an American, and who gets to decide?"
- Students should conduct research, analyze, and demonstrate in a final research paper, project, and/or presentation, an in-depth aspect of American history, politics and/or culture using interdisciplinary source materials, research methodologies, and intellectual approaches.