

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

Suggested Academic Plan

The suggested academic plan(s) listed on this page are the plan(s) that are in effect during the 2026-27 academic year. To access previous years' suggested academic plans, please visit the archive (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/archive/>) to view the appropriate Undergraduate Bulletin edition.

American Studies, B.A. at Brandywine Campus

The course series listed below provides **only one** of the many possible ways to move through this curriculum. The University may make changes in policies, procedures, educational offerings, and requirements at any time. This plan should be used in conjunction with your degree audit (accessible in LionPATH as either an **Academic Requirements** or **What If** report). Please consult with a Penn State academic adviser on a regular basis to develop and refine an academic plan that is appropriate for you.

First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
American Focused Course 1-199 level*	3 American Focused Course 1-299 level*	3
AMST 100*	3 CAS 100, CAS 100A, CAS 100B, or CAS 100C [‡]	3
ENGL 15, 30H, or ESL 15 [‡]	3 General Education Course	3
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3
	General Education Course (GHW)	1.5
	15	16.5

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
World Language level 1	4-6 American Focused Course 1-299 level*	3
General Education Course	3 World Language level 2	4-6
General Education Course	3 ENGL 202A or 202B [‡]	3
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3
General Education Course (GHW)	1.5	
	14.5-16.5	13-15

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
American Focused Course 400 level*	3 American Focused Course 400 level or Major Related Internship*	3
American Focused Course 1-299 level*	3 American Focused Course 400 level*	3

World Language level 3 or General Education Course	3-4 BA Fields Course	3
General Education Course	3 BA Fields Course	3
Elective	3 Elective	3

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Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
AMST 491W ^{*1}	3 AMST 491W ^{*1}	3
American Focused Course 400 level or Major Related Internship*	3 BA World Cultures Course	3
BA Fields Course	3 Elective	3
Elective	3 Elective	3
Elective	3 Elective	3
	15	15

Total Credits 119-124

* Course requires a grade of C or better for the major

‡ Course requires a grade of C or better for General Education

Course is an Entrance to Major requirement

† Course satisfies General Education and degree requirement

University Requirements and General Education Notes:

US and IL are abbreviations used to designate courses that satisfy Cultural Diversity Requirements (United States and International Cultures).

W, M, X, and Y are the suffixes at the end of a course number used to designate courses that satisfy University Writing Across the Curriculum requirement.

General Education includes Foundations (GWS and GQ), Knowledge Domains (GHW, GN, GA, GH, GS) and Integrative Studies (Inter-domain) requirements. N or Q (Honors) is the suffix at the end of a course number used to help identify an Inter-domain course, but the inter-domain attribute is used to fill audit requirements. Foundations courses (GWS and GQ) require a grade of 'C' or better.

¹ AMST 491W, the capstone course of the major, is taken twice with different topics; it also satisfies Penn State's Writing Across the Curriculum (W) requirement. Offered every semester, it may ordinarily be taken from the junior year on depending on student's choice of topics.