B.A. in American Studies

Learning Outcomes

The American Studies Program is an interdisciplinary program focused on the central question of “What does it mean to be an American?” The program has identified the following learning outcomes for its majors.

American Studies majors should be able to:

• integrate the contributions of different disciplinary understandings and methods;
• research primary and secondary text sources;
• find, use, and synthesize material from multiple disciplines to extend textual sources with material culture, visual culture, music, and popular culture;
• apply theories and methodologies within culture studies, culture, theory, and cultural criticism as relevant to American Studies;
• contextualize historically;
• work within a multicultural perspective;
• produce a written product of interdisciplinary independent research.