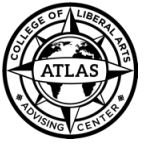


2025 - 2026 Bachelor of Arts in American Studies**36 Units**

Use this checklist in combination with your official Academic Requirements Report (ARR). This checklist is not intended to replace advising. Consult the advisor for appropriate course sequencing. *Curriculum changes in progress. Requirements subject to change.*

To be considered for admission to the major, complete the following Major Specific Degree Requirements (MSDR) by 60 units:

- Minimum 2.0 overall GPA
- Grades of "C" or better in GE Foundations, Arts and Humanities (Area 3), and Social and Behavioral Sciences (Area 4)
- First-Time, First-Years (Freshmen) who began in Fall 2021 or later: Grade of "C" or better in Ethnic Studies (Area 6)

Courses**Prerequisites**

Complete **ALL** of the following courses (12 units total):

AMST 300: Introduction to American Studies (3)	
AMST 350: California Culture (3)	GE Foundations; Upper Division Standing
AMST 467: Histories & Cultures of Long Beach (3)	GE Foundations; Upper Division Standing
AMST 498: Senior Seminar in American Studies (3)	Prerequisite: AMST 300 Corequisite: 6 Units of AMST Upper Division

American Studies Designated Core - Complete **9 UNITS** from the following courses, **limiting 6 UNITS** each of 495 (in different topics) and 499 in different semesters (9 units total):

AMST 142: Race and Hollywood (3)	Corequisite: One GE Foundation
AMST 152: Surfing and American Culture (3)	Corequisite: One GE Foundation
AMST 310: Foodways in Contemporary America (3)	GE Foundations
AMST/ASAM 325: Beauty Matters: Culture, Politics, Labor (3)	GE Foundations
AMST 351: Celebrity in American Culture (3)	GE Foundations; Upper Division Standing
AMST 360: Explorations in American Popular Culture (3)	GE Foundations; Upper Division Standing
AMST 361: Sports in American Culture (3)	
AMST 399: Labor Activism in Los Angeles (3)	GE Foundations; Upper Division Standing
AMST 419: The Suburbs (3)	GE Foundations; Upper Division Standing
AMST 421: Animals in American Culture (3)	GE Foundations; Upper Division Standing
AMST 426: The American Studies Mixtape (3)	GE Foundations; Upper Division Standing
AMST/HIST 453: Television Borders: Cultural Crossings in the US Southwest and South (3)	GE Foundations; Upper Division Standing
AMST 495: Selected Topics in American Studies (3)	GE Foundations; Upper Division Standing
AMST 499: Directed Studies in American Studies (1 - 4)	Consent of Instructor

American Studies Approved Elective Pattern - Complete a five-course elective pattern in consultation with the program advisor in one of the following areas of concentration with no more than **TWO COURSES** in any one department (15 units total):

Group 1: American Institutions, Ideas, and Experiences

Group 2: Diversity and Difference

Group 3: Popular Culture, Media, and Consumerism

Group 4: Public Culture and Civic Engagement

Group 5: America and the World

Group 6: Student Designed Area of Concentration

Course 1:	
Course 2:	
Course 3:	
Course 4:	
Course 5:	

In order to graduate from CSULB, students must complete General Education/GWAR/Major requirements and have a minimum of 120 units (40 must be upper division) with at least a 2.0 in all GPAs (Overall, CSULB, Major).

Additional Information

- See online Catalog for additional course information, limitations, and requirements.
- Some courses may also fulfill GE requirements. Visit the GE website for course selection: csulb.edu/student-records/general-education-requirements.
- A course can only be used to satisfy one major requirement. **Double counting is not allowed within the major.**

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Checklists are available on the [ATLAS website](#)