



# 2026 - 2027 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.*

<b>To be considered for admission to the major, complete the following Major Specific Degree Requirements (MSDR) by 60 units:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum 2.0 overall GPA</li> <li>• Grades of "C" or better in GE Foundations, Arts and Humanities (Area 3), and Social and Behavioral Sciences (Area 4)</li> <li>• First-Time, First-Years (Freshmen) who began in Fall 2021 or later: Grade of "C" or better in Ethnic Studies (Area 6)</li> </ul>	

Courses	Prerequisites
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<b>Complete ALL of the following courses (12 units total):</b>	
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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

<b>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):</b>	
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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/ASAM 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

<b>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):</b>	
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- 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](http://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.**

**Department of American Studies**

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