American Studies is a cross-disciplinary program that offers students an opportunity to create an individualized major. The purpose of the major is to study the unity and diversity, the consensus and conflict, the continuity and change that characterize the many cultures and social structures of past and present United States. Each student takes core courses in History, Arts and Culture, Geography, and California Studies and, with help from the Program Advisor, creates an individualized set of elective courses drawn from across the University to pursue a particular set of questions about U.S. history, culture, and society.

Career Outlook
The American Studies major is appropriate for students who want a strong liberal arts experience that focuses on the United States, for those preparing for teaching careers, or a wide-ranging background as preparation for later study of the law, public administration, city planning, library, and museum work, and specialized graduate study.

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