# Bachelor of Arts in American Studies Roadmap

120 Total Units Required  
Minimum Number of Units in the Major: 39

## Course Title Units

### First Semester
- GE Area A: Oral Communication (A1) or Critical Thinking (A3)  
  3
- GE Area A: Written English Communication (A2)  
  3
- GE Area C: Arts (C1) or Humanities (C2)  
  3
- GE Area D: Social Sciences (D1)  
  3
- GE Area D: U.S. History (D2) or U.S. and California Government (D3)  
  3

Units  
15

### Second Semester
- GE Area A: Oral Communication (A1) or Critical Thinking (A3)  
  3
- GE Area A: Written English Communication II (A4)  
  3
  or Written English Communication (A2) Stretch II
- GE Area B: Quantitative Reasoning (B4)  
  3
- GE Area C: Arts (C1)  
  3
- GE Area D: U.S. History (D2) or U.S. and California Government (D3)  
  3

Units  
15

### Third Semester
- GE Area A: Written English Communication II (A4) if not already satisfied  
  3
  or Complementary Studies or SF State Studies or University Elective  
  5
- GE Area B: Physical Science (B1) and Laboratory Science (B3)  
  3-4
- GE Area C: Humanities: Literature (C3)  
  3
- Complementary Studies or SF State Studies or University Elective – Take Two  
  6

Units  
15-16

### Fourth Semester
- Major Elective (24 units total) – Take One  
  3
- GE Area B: Life Science (B2) and Laboratory Science (B3)  
  3-4
- Complementary Studies or SF State Studies or University Elective – Take Three  
  9

Units  
15-16

### Fifth Semester
- AMST 300GW  
  Junior Seminar in American Studies - GWAR  
  3
- Select One GWAR Course  
  3
- ETHS 300GW  
  Writing in Ethnic Studies - GWAR  
  3
- HIST 300GW  
  Seminar in Historical Analysis - GWAR  
  3
- HUM 300GW  
  Junior Seminar Humanities Writing - GWAR  
  3
- Major Elective (24 units total) – Take One  
  3
- GE Area UD–B: Upper Division Physical and/or Life Sciences (Consider SF State Studies Course)  
  3
- Complementary Studies or SF State Studies or University Elective  
  3

Units  
15

### Sixth Semester
- HUM 450  
  California Culture  
  3
- HUM 485  
  The Arts and American Culture  
  3
  or American Images: Photography and Literature  
  3
Major Elective (24 units total) – Take One

GE Area UD–D: Upper Division Social Sciences (Consider SF State Studies Course)
Complementary Studies or SF State Studies or University Elective

Units

15

Seventh Semester
Select One Geography Course

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Major Elective (24 units total) – Take Two

Complementary Studies or SF State Studies or University Elective – Take Two

Units

15

Eighth Semester
Major Elective (24 units total) – Take Three

Complementary Studies or SF State Studies or University Elective – Take Two

Units

15

Total Units

120-122

To avoid taking additional units, it is recommended that you meet **LLD** and **SF State Studies** requirements (AERM, GR, ES, SJ) within your GE.

ENG 114 can only be taken if you complete Directed Self-Placement (DSP) and select ENG 114; if you choose ENG 104/ENG 105 through DSP you will satisfy A2 upon successful completion of ENG 105 in the second semester; multilingual students may be advised into alternative English courses.

MATH 60 and/or MATH 70 are required prerequisites to Area B4 unless you score 50 or higher on ELM or have an ELM exemption.

Consider taking a class combined with a laboratory or a separate lab to fulfill B3 if not already satisfied.

**Complementary Studies**
To fulfill the Complementary Studies requirement, all students completing a B.A. degree must take twelve units from courses outside of the primary prefix of their major and not cross-listed with the primary prefix for the major. This requirement is automatically fulfilled when completing an American Studies major, so no additional units beyond the major are required to fulfill the complementary studies requirement.

**Major Elective Courses**
Courses, by choice and advisement, on a topic or theme in American Studies, drawn from at least two disciplines. Up to six units may be in community college or lower division course work. For students with GPA 3.0 or higher, electives can include a senior course on advisement: Independent Study (699) on a specific topic connected to prior course work, to be developed through consultation with the coordinator and faculty from the appropriate department (3 - 6 units).

Courses especially appropriate as electives for the American Studies major are offered by the following departments (not an exclusive list):

- Africana Studies
- American Indian Studies
- Art
- Asian American Studies
- Cinema
- English
- Geography
- History
- Humanities
- Journalism
- Latina/Latino Studies
- Music
- Political Science
- Race and Resistance Studies
- Social Science
- Urban Studies and Planning
- Women and Gender Studies