

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN AMERICAN STUDIES ROADMAP

120 Total Units Required

Minimum Number of Units in the Major: 39

This roadmap is a suggested plan of study and does not replace meeting with an advisor. Please note that students may need to adjust the actual sequence of courses based on course availability. Please consult an advisor in your major program for further guidance.

Course	Title	Units
First Semester		
ENG 114	Writing the First Year: Finding Your Voice (A2) ¹	3
GE Area A ²		3
GE Area C		3
GE Area D		3
SF State Studies or University Elective		3
Units		15
Second Semester		
Select One (Major Core):		3
AMST/LS 200	Self, Place, and Knowing: Introduction to Interdisciplinary Inquiry (E)	
AMST/HUM 225	Values in American Life (C2, AERM)	
Select One:		3
GE Area C (if taking AMST 200)		
GE Area E (if taking AMST 225)		
GE Area A		3
GE Area B: Quantitative Reasoning (B4) ³		3
SF State Studies or University Elective		3
Units		15
Third Semester		
GE Area B: Physical Science (B1) and Laboratory Science (B3) ⁴		3-4
GE Area C		3
GE Area D		3
SF State Studies or University Elective – Take Two		6
Units		15-16
Fourth Semester		
Major Elective (24 units total) – Take One ⁵		3
GE Area B: Life Science (B2) and Laboratory Science (B3) ⁴		3-4
SF State Studies or University Elective – Take Three		9
Units		15-16

Fifth Semester		
HUM 300GW	Reading and Writing Across Creative Forms - GVAR (Major Core)	3
400-level History course		3
GE Area UD-B: Upper-Division Physical and/or Life Sciences		3
U.S. and California Government (http://bulletin.sfsu.edu/undergraduate-education/american-institutions/#usg)		3
SF State Studies or University Elective		3
Units		15

Sixth Semester		
Select One (Major Core):		3
AMST 310/HUM 485	The Arts and American Culture (UD-C, AERM)	
HUM 490	American Images: Photography and Literature (UD-C)	
AMST 410/HUM 450	California Culture (Major Core, UD-C)	3
Major Elective (21 units total) – Take One ⁵		3
GE Area F [±]		3
GE Area UD-D: Upper-Division Social Sciences		3
Units		15

Seventh Semester		
Select One Geography Course (Major Core)		3
GEOG 421	Future Environments (UD-D, ES, GP, SJ)	
GEOG/USP 433	Urban Transportation	
GEOG 455	Geography of Ethnic Communities (AERM, SJ)	
GEOG 552	Geography of California (UD-D, AERM, ES, SJ)	
Major Elective (21 units total) – Take Two ⁵		6
SF State Studies or University Elective – Take Two		6
Units		15

Eighth Semester		
Major Elective (21 units total) – Take Three ⁵		9
SF State Studies or University Elective – Take Two		6
Units		15
Total Units		120-122

¹ 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.

² To avoid taking additional units, it is recommended that you meet the **SF State Studies** (AERM, GP, ES, SJ) requirements within your GE or major.

³ To determine the best B4 course option, students should complete the online advising activity at mathadvising.sfsu.edu (<https://>)

mathadvising.sfsu.edu/). Questions? Contact Gator Smart Start.
(<https://gatorsmartstart.sfsu.edu/>)

⁴ Consider taking a class combined with a laboratory or a separate lab to fulfill B3 if not already satisfied.

⁵ **Elective Courses (21 units)**

Courses, by choice and advisement, on a topic or theme in American Studies, drawn from at least two disciplines. See coordinator and website for recommended elective pathways. Up to 6 units may be in community college or lower-division coursework. 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](#):

- Africana Studies
- American Indian Studies
- 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

± Given catalog rights, fall 2023 transfer students do not need to complete an Area F course.