



College of: Arts & Sciences

Degree/Major: BA/American Studies

Academic Year: 2017-18

Proposed Four-Year Degree Plan (120 Total Hours)

The following is an example 8-semester plan. This is used to illustrate the course sequencing and the expectations for course loading. Students may use this as a guide as they plan their undergraduate education, but should adjust it to fit their personal goals. Students are responsible for completing requirements in the official degree sheet for each major. It is mandatory for a student to meet with an academic advisor prior to course enrollment each semester.

Students must refer to the Registrar’s website for the availability of course offerings as well as visit with their academic advisor to find out about any special offerings. In general, students should attempt to complete their general education requirements early in their careers and spend their last two years focusing on upper-division courses (3000+) in the major and cognate fields (American History, Literary and Cultural Studies, Arts & Humanities, and Social Sciences).

Internships in American Studies may be used to fulfill upper-division requirements in the major. See the AMST website for a list of options: <http://amst.okstate.edu/Internships.html>

Year One					
Fall Semester			Spring Semester		
A&S	1111	First Year Seminar	ENGL	1213	Freshman Composition II
AMST	2103	Intro to American Studies [recommended for (H) & (D)]		3 hours	Arts & Humanities with Non-Western and International (I)
ENGL	1113	Freshman Composition I	POLS	1113	Intro to American Government
HIST	1103	Survey of American History		3 hours	*Additional General Education (A, H, N, or S)
MATH	1483	or 1493 or 1513		3 hours	*Social Science (S)
	3 hours	*Arts & Humanities			
Total: 16 credit hours			Total: 15 credit hours		
Getting involved with student organizations will further your classroom experiences.			Registering at Career services is free, and gives you countless opportunities.		

Year Two					
Fall Semester			Spring Semester		
	3 hours	Humanities (H)		3 hours	Natural Science (N)
	4 hours	Natural Science with Lab (N) (L)		3 hours	*Arts & Humanities
	3 hours	*Additional General Education (A, H, N, or S)		3 hours	*Additional General Education (A, H, N, or S)
AMST	3 hours	American Studies	AMST	3 hours	Upper-Division American Studies
	3 hours	Upper-Division Related Gen Ed Outside of American History and Lit.		3 hours	Electives
Total: 16 credit hours			Total: 15 credit hours		
Interested in Study Abroad? This would be a good time to visit the Study Abroad Office.			Start looking into 2nd Major or Minor; most minors are 15 - 18 hours.		

***These designated courses may not be AMST or American History.**

Year Three					
Fall Semester			Spring Semester		
	3 hours	Natural & Mathematical Sciences	AMST	3 hours	American Studies Upper-Division
	3 hours	Approved American History		3 hours	Approved Upper-Division Social Science
	3 hours	Approved American Lit.		3 hours	Approved Upper-Division American History
	3 hours	Approved Social Science		3 hours	Approved Upper-Division American Lit.
	1713	1 st Semester Foreign Language		1813	2 nd Semester Foreign Language
Total: 15 credit hours			Total: 15 credit hours		
Interested in an internship? This is an ideal time to research possibilities.			If you are interested in departmental honors, apply this semester.		

Between Years Three and Four, contact your advisor about an official graduation check.

Year Four					
Fall Semester			Spring Semester		
AMST	3223	Theories and Methods	AMST	4973	Senior Seminar in American Studies
	3 hours	Upper-Division Related Gen Ed Outside of American History and Lit.		3 hours	Approved Humanities & Interdisciplinary Studies
	3 hours	Approved Upper-Division Humanities & Interdisciplinary Studies		3 hours	Upper-Division Related
	3 hours	2000-level Foreign Language		4 hours	Electives (Upper-Division)
	3 hours	Electives (Upper-Division)			
Total: 15 credit hours			Total: 13 credit hours		
Be prepared to apply for Spring graduation this semester. Check on 2nd Major or Minor.			Celebrate your accomplishment at May Graduation with your fellow Cowboys!!		

OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

The College of Arts & Sciences requires 6 hours Upper-Division General Education outside the major department.

Total hours must include at least 40 hours in courses numbered 3000 or above.

Hours in one department in excess of 54 will be added to the minimum total of 120 required for graduation.

At least 60 hours must be completed at a four-year institution. At least 30 hours must be completed at OSU.

15 of the final 30 hours completed, or 50% of the upper-division hours in the major field must be completed at OSU.

Limit of: one-half of major course requirements as transfer work; one-fourth of hours earned by correspondence; 8 transfer correspondence hours.

1. GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

No more than two courses (or eight hours) from the major department may be used to meet General Education and College and Departmental Requirements. The General Education required English Composition, required U.S. History, required American Government, one required MATH or STAT course, and required foreign language for B.A. degrees do not count against the two-course maximum.

2. A&S COLLEGE/DEPARTMENTAL REQUIREMENTS

a. Arts and Humanities are defined as any course carrying an (H) designation or courses from AMST, ART, DANC, ENGL (except 3323) HIST, MUSI, PHIL (except 1313, 3003 and 4003), REL, TH, and foreign languages.

b. Natural and Mathematical Sciences are defined as any course from the following prefixes: ASTR, BIOC, BIOL, BOT, CHEM, CS (except 4883), GEOL, MATH, MICR, PHYS, and STAT; or any courses that carry an (A) or (N) general education designation.

c. The required six hours of upper-division General Education may not include courses from the student's major department. This requirement may be satisfied by courses also used to satisfy any part of a student's degree program (i.e., in General Education, College Departmental Requirements, Major Requirements or Electives).

d. Non-Western Studies Requirement for B.A. and B.F.A. – consult academic advisor

e. The College of Arts & Sciences requires a minimum 2.0 GPA in all major requirements and a minimum 2.0 GPA in all major-prefix courses.

3. FOREIGN LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

a. The foreign language requirement for the B.A. may be satisfied by 9 hours college credit in the same language, which must include 3 hours at the 2000-level, or equivalent proficiency (e.g., passing an advanced standing examination; TOEFL exam; presenting a high school transcript which demonstrates the high school was primarily conducted in a language other than English; etc.). Computer Science courses may not be used to satisfy this requirement. Currently Arabic and Muskoke are not offered at the 2000-level at OSU.

b. The foreign language requirement for the B.S., B.M. and B.F.A. may be satisfied by presenting a high school transcript which demonstrates two years of study of a single foreign language (passing grades at second year level of study). It may also be satisfied by 6 hours college credit in the same language, which must include language courses 1713 and 1813, or equivalent proficiency (e.g., passing an advanced standing examination; TOEFL exam; presenting a high school transcript which demonstrates the high school was primarily conducted in a language other than English; etc.). Computer Science courses may not be used to satisfy this requirement.

c. In addition to a. and b., **students pursuing teacher certification** must meet novice-high foreign language proficiency by presenting a high school transcript which demonstrates two years of study of a single foreign language with no grade below B. Or, students may complete 3 hours college credit in a single language with no grade below C (or pass an advanced standing examination, College Level Examination Program (CLEP) exam, or Oral Proficiency Interview developed by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, equivalent to 3 hours of college credit.) Or, students may meet the requirement by transfer of documentation of meeting the foreign language competency from one of the teacher education programs in the State of Oklahoma approved by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

4. EXCLUSIONS

a. Courses used to satisfy the General Education English Composition, U.S. History, American Government, and Mathematics or Statistics requirements will not count toward the 54 hour maximum allowed from one department.

b. Courses with ATHL or LEIS prefixes and leisure activity courses may not be used for degree credit.