

## AMERICAN STUDIES

**Note: It is ultimately your responsibility to ensure that you are registered for the correct modules for your programme.**

American Studies is an interdisciplinary programme with modules on the history, literature, and visual culture of the USA. Students averaging 55% and above will have the opportunity to spend time at a University or College in the United States. Either for a year as the third year of a four year programme or as a semester in the final year of a three year programme.

### AMERICAN STUDIES (LITERATURE) Four Year Degree

Students must study **120 credits** at both Stages 2 and 3 giving a total of 240 credits over the two stages. At least 90 credits must be at Level H to be eligible for an Honours degree.

#### STAGE 2

Students are required to take <b>90 credits</b> from the following Core Modules. These modules cannot be compensated:					
Autumn Term			Spring Term		
EN628	Early American Literature	I	30	EN630	Modern American Literature
EN665	American Studies: Topics in the 20 <sup>th</sup> Century	I	30		
<b>PLUS 30 credits</b> from either the following <b>OR</b> from Wild modules:					
PO617	Contemporary Politics and Government in the USA (pre-req for PO616)				I 30
HI763	How the West was Won (or lost): The American West in the 19 <sup>th</sup> Century	I	30	HI795	Inviting Doomsday: US Environmental Problems in the Twentieth Century
HI5073	American Freedoms: The Bill of Rights and the Battles that shaped it: 1789 to today	I	30	HI706	The American South: from Old to New, 1770-1900
HI5023	The American Civil War – 1848 - 1877	I	30	HI742	The Cold War, 1941 – 1991

**STAGE A Year Abroad** – Total of 120 credits contact [Dr David Stirrup](#) for further details.

#### STAGE 3

Students are required to take <b>30 credits</b> from the following Core Module. This module cannot be compensated:					
Year Long					
HI560	Interdisciplinary Extended Essay				H 30
<b>PLUS 60 credits</b> from American Studies modules. <b>30 credits</b> from an American Literature topic <b>30 credits</b> from a History topic (Consult school for advice) <b>PLUS 30 credits</b> from Wild Modules					
<b>Recommended modules:</b>					
EN572	19 <sup>th</sup> Century American Short Story	H	30	EN573	20 <sup>th</sup> Century American Short Story
EN658	American Crime Fiction	H	30	EN588	Innovation & Experiment in New York, 1945 – 1995
HI5072	The American Revolution	H	30	HI747	The Cold War, 1941 – 1991
HI5074	American Freedoms: The Bill of Rights & the Battles that shaped it: 1789 to today	H	30	HI665	The American Century: 1970 to the present
HI764	How the West was Won (or lost): The American West in the 19 <sup>th</sup> Century	H	30	HI736	The American South: from Old to New, 1770-1900
HI5024	The American Civil War – 1848 - 1877	H	30		

### AMERICAN STUDIES (HISTORY) Four Year Degree

Students must study **120 credits** at both Stages 2 and 3 giving a total of 240 credits over the two stages. At least 90 credits must be at Level H to be eligible for an Honours degree. Stage 2 students should normally take modules at Level I. It is expected that students will study 60 credits in the Autumn term and 60 credits in the Spring term.

**STAGE 2** Students are required to take **30 credits** from the Core Module below. **PLUS 60 credits** from **Optional Modules A**. **PLUS 30 credits** from either the following **Optional Modules B** **OR** from Wild modules:

<b>Core Module</b> This module cannot be compensated.					
Autumn Term					
EN665	American Studies: Topics in the 20 <sup>th</sup> Century	I	30		
<b>Optional Modules A:</b>					
Autumn Term*			Spring Term		
HI763	How the West was Won (or lost): The American West in the 19 <sup>th</sup> Century	I	30	HI795	Inviting Doomsday: US Environmental Problems in the Twentieth Century
HI5073	American Freedoms: The Bill of Rights & the Battles that shaped it: 1789 to today	I	30	HI706	The American South: from Old to New, 1770-1900
HI5023	The American Civil War – 1848 - 1877	I	30	HI742	The Cold War, 1941 - 1991
<b>Optional Modules B:</b>					
EN628	Early American Literature	I	30	EN630	Modern American Literature
PO617	Contemporary Politics and Government in the USA (pre-req for PO616)				I 30

**STAGE A Year Abroad** – Total of 120 credits contact [Dr David Stirrup](#) for further details.

**STAGE 3** Students are required to take **30 credits** from the core module listed below. This module cannot be compensated. Plus one of the following Options: **Option 1:** 60 credits from the American History Special Subjects listed plus 30 credits from the Optional Modules listed. **Option 2:** 90 credits from the Optional Modules listed. **Option 3:** 60 credits from the Optional Modules listed plus 30 credits from Wild modules.

Core Module:					
Year Long					
HI560	Interdisciplinary Extended Essay		H	30	
American History Special Subjects:					
HI5069 HI5070	The Rights Revolution: Civil Rights Revolution and the Law in the United States since 1945		H	60	
HI5049 HI5050	California: The Golden State		H	60	
HI5063 HI5064	The Rise and Fall of Slavery in the Atlantic World		H	60	
Optional Modules:					
Autumn Term			Spring Term		
HI764	How the West Was Won (or lost): The American West in the 19 <sup>th</sup> Century	H 30	HI796	Inviting Doomsday: US Environmental Problems in the Twentieth Century	H 30
HI5072	The American Revolution	H 30	HI665	The American Century: 1970 to the present	H 30
HI5074	American Freedoms: The Bill of Rights & the Battles that shaped it: 1789 to today	H 30	HI736	The American South: from Old to New, 1770-1900	H 30
HI5024	The American Civil War – 1848 - 1877	H 30	HI747	The Cold War	H 30

### AMERICAN STUDIES THREE YEAR DEGREE

Students must study **120 credits** at both Stages 2 and 3 giving a total of 240 credits over the two stages. At least 90 credits must be at Level H to be eligible for an Honours degree. Stage 2 students should normally take modules at Level I. It is expected that students will study 60 credits in the Autumn term and 60 credits in the Spring term.

**STAGE 2** students are required to take 30 credits from the Core module below. **PLUS** one of the following options: **Option 1: 90 credits** from the Optional Modules listed. **Option 2: 60 credits** from Optional Modules listed **PLUS 30 credits** from Wild Modules.

Core Module:					
Autumn Term					
EN665	American Studies: Topics in the 20 <sup>th</sup> Century	I	30		
Optional Modules:					
Year Long					
PO617	Contemporary Politics and Government in the USA (pre-req for PO616)		I	30	
Autumn Term			Spring Term		
EN628	Early American Literature	I 30	EN630	Modern American Literature	I 30
FI584	The Gothic in Film*	H 30	DR576	American Performance	I 30
HA554	Contemporary Art: From Warhol to Whiteread	H 30	FI595	Film Genre (Horror)	I 30
HI763	How the West Was Won (or Lost): The American West in the Nineteenth Century	I 30	FI570	Pulp Film: the Avant-garde and Popular Cinema	H 30
HI5073	American Freedoms: The Bill of Rights & the Battles that shaped it: 1789 to today	I 30	HI706	The American South: from Old to New, 1770-1900	I 30
HI5023	The American Civil War – 1848 - 1877	I 30	HI742	The Cold War, 1941 – 1991	I 30
			HI795	Inviting Doomsday: US Environmental Problems in the Twentieth Century	I 30

\* Students must have taken the prerequisites FI310 and FI311 at Stage 1. Film Modules are subject to strict quotas.

### STAGE 3 – WITH a semester in United States

Students are required to take <b>90 credits</b> from the following Core Modules. These modules cannot be compensated:									
<b>Year Long</b>									
HI560	Interdisciplinary Extended Essay		H	30					
<b>Autumn Term</b>									
EN653 EN654	Semester Abroad		H	60					
PLUS <b>30 credits</b> from the following options or from Wild Modules									
<p>* Students must have taken the prerequisites FI310 and FI311 at Stage 1. Film modules are subject to strict quotas.</p> <p>° Students must have selected one literature module at Stage 1 or 2 as a prerequisite</p> <p>° Students must have taken the prerequisite PO617</p>									
					<b>Spring Term</b>				
					SO594	'Terrorism' and Modern Society		H	15
					FI570	Pulp Film: the Avant-garde and Popular Cinema		H	30
					PO616	The Politics of Trust (in the USA) °		H	15
					HI665	The American Century: 1970 to the present		H	30
					HI736	The American South: from Old to New, 1770-1900		H	30
HI796	Inviting Doomsday: US Environmental Problems in the Twentieth Century		H	30					

### STAGE 3 – WITHOUT a semester in United States

Students are required to take <b>30 credits</b> in the form of the following Core Module:				
<b>Year Long</b>				
HI560	Interdisciplinary Extended Essay		H	30
Plus either <b>90 credits</b> from the following options OR <b>60 credits</b> from the following options plus <b>30 credits</b> from Wild Modules;				
<b>Year Long</b>				
PO617	Contemporary Politics and Government in the USA (pre-req for PO616)		I	30
<b>Autumn Term</b>				
FI584	The Gothic in Film*	H	30	
HA554	Contemporary Art: From Warhol to Whiteread	H	30	
HI764	How the West was Won (or Lost): The American West in the Nineteenth Century	H	30	
HI5024	The American Civil War – 1848 - 1877	H	30	
HI5072	The American Revolution	H	30	
HI5074	American Freedoms: The Bill of Rights and the Battles that shaped it: 1789 to today	H	30	
<b>Spring Term</b>				
FI570	Pulp Film: the Avant-garde and Popular Cinema	H	30	
SO594	'Terrorism' and Modern Society	H	15	
HI736	The American South: from Old to New, 1770-1900	H	30	
HI665	The American Century: 1970 to the present	H	30	
HI747	The Cold War, 1941-199	H	15	
HI796	Inviting Doomsday: US Environmental Problems in the Twentieth Century	H	30	
PO616	The Politics of Trust (in the USA) °	H	15	

\* Students must have taken the prerequisites FI310 and FI311 at Stage 1; they are subject to strict quotas.

° Students must have taken the prerequisite PO617

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