

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 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 the following 30 Credit Core Module.				
Autumn Term				
EN665	American Studies: Topics in the 20 th Century	I	30	
Choose ONE of the following options:				
Option 1: 90 Credits from Optional Modules				
Option 2: 60 credits from the Optional Modules PLUS 30 credits from Wild modules				
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
FI599	The Gothic in Film*	I	30	FI595 Film Genre (Horror)* I 30
HA554	Contemporary Art: From Warhol to Whiteread	H	30	HI742 The Cold War, 1941 – 1991 I 30
HI763	How the West Was Won (or Lost): The American West in the Nineteenth Century	I	30	HI795 Inviting Doomsday: US Environmental Problems in the Twentieth Century I 30
HI5073	American Freedoms: The Bill of Rights & the Battles that shaped it: 1789 to today	I	30	HI765 From Buffalo Bill to Bison Burgers: The American West in the 20 th Century (AM) I 30
HI5023	The American Civil War – 1848-1877	I	30	
* Students must have taken the prerequisites FI313 and FI314 at Stage 1. Film Modules are subject to strict quotas.				

STAGE 3 – WITH a semester in United States

Students are required to take the following 90 credits of Core Modules.:				
Year Long				
HI560	Interdisciplinary Extended Essay (this module cannot be condoned or compensated)			H 30
Autumn Term				
EN653 EN654	Semester Abroad	H	60	
PLUS 30 credits from EITHER the following Optional Modules OR from Wild modules:				
° PO616 - Students must have taken the prerequisite PO617	Spring Term			
	SO594	'Terrorism' and Modern Society	H	15
	EN623	Native American Literature	H	30
	PO616	The Politics of Trust (in the USA) °	H	15
	HI665	The American Century: 1970 to the present	H	30
	HI796	Inviting Doomsday: US Environmental Problems in the Twentieth Century	H	30
HI766	From Buffalo Bill to Bison Burgers: The American West in the 20 th Century	H	30	

STAGE 3 – WITHOUT a semester in United States

Students are required to take the following 30 Credit Core Module. This module cannot be condoned or compensated:				
Year Long				
HI560	Interdisciplinary Extended Essay			H 30
Choose ONE of the following options:				
Option 1: 90 credits from the Optional Modules.				
Option 2: 60 credits from the Optional Modules PLUS 30 credits from Wild modules.				
Optional Modules:				
Year Long				
PO617	Contemporary Politics and Government in the USA			I 30
Autumn Term			Spring Term	
FI584	The Gothic in Film* (Subject to strict quota)	H	30	SO594 'Terrorism' and Modern Society H 15
HA554	Contemporary Art: From Warhol to Whiteread	H	30	EN623 Native American Literature H 30
HI764	How the West was Won (or Lost): The American West in the Nineteenth Century	H	30	HI665 The American Century: 1970 to the present H 30
HI5074	American Freedoms: The Bill of Rights and the Battles that shaped it: 1789 to today	H	30	HI747 The Cold War, 1941-1991 H 15
HI5024	The American Civil War – 1848-1877	H	30	HI796 Inviting Doomsday: US Environmental Problems in the Twentieth Century H 30

EN658	American Crime Fiction	H	30	HI766	From Buffalo Bill to Bison Burgers: The American West in the 20 th Century	H	30
EN667	Harlem to Hogan's Alley: Black Writing in North America	H	30	PO616	The Politics of Trust (in the USA) ^c	H	15

^c Students must have taken the prerequisite PO617 *Students must have taken FI313 and FI314 at Stage 1.

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 the following 30 Credit Core Module . This module cannot be condoned or compensated:							
Autumn Term							
EN665	American Studies: Topics in the 20 th Century	I	30				
PLUS 60 credits from Optional Modules:							
Autumn Term				Spring Term			
HI763	How the West was Won (or lost): The American West in the 19 th Century	I	30	HI795	Inviting Doomsday: US Environmental Problems in the Twentieth Century	I	30
HI5073	American Freedoms: The Bill of Rights & the Battles that shaped it: 1789 to today	I	30	HI742	The Cold War, 1941 – 1991	I	30
HI5023	The American Civil War – 1848-1877	I	30	HI765	From Buffalo Bill to Bison Burgers: The American West in the 20 th Century	I	30
PLUS 30 credits from EITHER the following Optional Modules OR from Wild modules:							
EN628	Early American Literature	I	30	EN630	Modern American Literature	I	30
PO617	Contemporary Politics and Government in the USA	I	30				

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

STAGE 3

Students are required to take the following 30 Credit Core Module . This module cannot be condoned or compensated:							
Year Long							
HI560	Interdisciplinary Extended Essay					H	30
Choose ONE of the following options:							
Option 1: 60 credits from the American History Special Subjects PLUS 30 credits from the Optional Modules							
Option 2: 90 credits from the Optional Modules.							
Option 3: 60 credits from the Optional Modules PLUS 30 credits from Wild modules.							
American History Special Subjects:							
Year Long							
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
Optional Modules:							
Autumn Term				Spring Term			
HI764	How the West Was Won (or lost): The American West in the 19 th Century	H	30	HI796	Inviting Doomsday: US Environmental Problems in the Twentieth Century	H	30
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	H	30
HI5024	The American Civil War – 1848-1877	H	30	HI747	The Cold War	H	30
				HI766	From Buffalo Bill to Bison Burgers: The American West in the 20 th Century	H	30

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 the following 90 credits of Core Modules. These modules cannot be condoned or compensated:					
Autumn Term			Spring Term		
EN628	Early American Literature	I	30	EN630	Modern American Literature
EN665	American Studies: Topics in the 20 th Century	I	30		
PLUS 30 credits from EITHER the following OR from Wild modules:					
Year Long					
PO617	Contemporary Politics and Government in the USA				
Autumn Term			Spring Term		
HI763	How the West was Won (or lost): The American West in the 19 th 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	HI742	The Cold War, 1941-1991
HI5023	The American Civil War – 1848-1877	I	30	HI765	From Buffalo Bill to Bison Burgers: The American West in the 20 th Century

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

STAGE 3

Students are required to take the following 30 Credit Core Module. This module cannot be condoned or compensated:					
Year Long					
HI560	Interdisciplinary Extended Essay				H 30
PLUS 30 credits from an American Literature topic:					
Autumn Term			Spring Term		
EN667	Harlem to Hogan's Alley: Black Writing in North America	H	30	EN623	Native American Literature
EN658	American Crime Fiction	H	30		
PLUS 30 credits from a History topic:					
Autumn Term			Spring Term		
HI5074	American Freedoms: The Bill of Rights & the Battles that shaped it: 1789 to today	H	30	HI747	The Cold War, 1941 – 1991
HI764	How the West was Won (or lost): The American West in the 19 th Century	H	30	HI665	The American Century: 1970 to the present
HI5024	The American Civil War – 1848-1877	H	30	HI766	From Buffalo Bill to Bison Burgers: The American West in the 20 th Century
PLUS 30 Credits from Wild Modules					

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