United States Studies Minor

Affiliated faculty: Dawley, Coordinator; Adler, Blake, Clydesdale, Fisher, Gray, McFeely, Nicolosi, Ortiz, Robertson, Sullivan

The interdisciplinary minor in United States studies pursues knowledge about America and its place in the world. Without losing sight of the inner workings of American society, the emphasis is on connections between Americans and other peoples.

Requirements:
Five course units: one prerequisite; required Core Seminar, three options. No more than two courses may be from the same discipline.

Required course:

USA 301/Core Seminar 1 course unit
An interdisciplinary examination of American society and culture in historical and international perspective. Admission by permission of the instructor.

Prerequisites: 1 course unit
Normally, a student is admitted to the minor upon recommendation of affiliated faculty after taking one of the following courses (or other with approval of the coordinator).
- AAS 205/HIS 379/African American History to 1865
- AAS 206/HIS 380/African American History Since 1865
- HIS 230/The United States in World History
- LIT 217/Issues in Multicultural Literature
- LIT 272/American Literature Since 1865
- LIT 280/Literature, Film, and the Art of American Politics
- LIT 316/WGS376/Global Women Writers
- POL 230/International Relations
- SOC 380/Education and American Culture
- WGS 301/HIS 385/Women in America

Options: 3 course units
Students select three options from the following list (or others with approval of the coordinator).
- AAS 222/LIT 282/Contemporary African-American Literature
- ANT 311/WGS 381/Women and Migration
- ANT 335/Global Urbanization
- HIS 362/Latin American–United States Relations
- HIS 367/Indian-White Relations 1800–1890
- HIS 381/American Cultural History
- HIS 382/United States from the Gilded Age through World War II
- HIS 383/United States Since 1945
- HIS 386/United States Diplomacy in the American Century
- LIT 315/WGS 320/Men and Masculinities
- LIT 334/WGS 360/Literature by Latinas and Latin-American Women
- LIT 375/American Literature 1820–1860
- LIT 376/American Literature 1860–1920
- LIT 376/Modern American Literature
- POL 230/International Relations
POL 333/America and Vietnam
SOC 380/Education and American Culture
WGS 301/HIS 385/Women in America

Honors Thesis Seminar: **by invitation** 2 course units

In addition to the five course units, minors may be invited to complete a two-semester honors thesis seminar under supervision of a participating faculty member. USA 401/ Honors Thesis Seminar I; USA 402/Honors Thesis Seminar II.