United States Studies Minor

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The interdisciplinary minor in United States Studies explores the United States and its place in the world. Without losing sight of the inner workings of American society, the emphasis is on connections among Americans and other peoples. Students take a required core seminar plus four related courses.

**Requirements:**
Five course units: one prerequisite; 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. Themes vary according to instructor. 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 *approved* courses (or other with approval of the coordinator).

**Options: 3 course units**
Students select three options from the following list of *approved* courses (or others with approval of the coordinator).

**Approved Courses**
- AAS 205/HIS 379/African American History to 1865
- AAS 206/HIS 380/African American History: 1865 to the Present
- AAS 222/LIT 282/20th Century African-American Literature: Realism to Contemporary
- AAS 235/African American Film
- ANT 311/WGS 381/Women and Migration
- ANT 315/Race and Nation
- ANT 335/Global Urbanization
- HIS 230/The United States in World History
- HIS 362/Latin American–United States Relations
- HIS 377/The United States in the 20th Century
- HIS 381/American Cultural History
- HIS 383/United States Since 1945
- HIS 386/United States Diplomacy in the American Century
- LIT 217/Issues in Multicultural Literature
- LIT 272/American Literature Since 1865
- LIT 280/Literature, Film, and the Art of American Politics
- 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/Modern American Literature
POL 230/International Relations
POL 330/American Foreign Policy
POL 333/Vietnam and America
SOC 375/Religion and American Culture
SOC 380/Education and American Culture
WGS 301/HIS 385/Women in America
WGS 375/Global Feminisms

**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.