

# AMERICAN STUDIES (AMST)

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**AMST 201** - Introduction to American Studies (3 Credits)

This course is an introduction to American Studies and the types of research and methodologies that are used in this interdisciplinary field.

**AMST 202** - Sophomore Special Topics Seminar (3 Credits)

Sophomore-level seminar that explores a topic chosen by the instructor.

**AMST 203** - American Protest (3 Credits)

This seminar explores how social movements have demanded access to political, cultural, and economic institutions in order to generate change and promote social justice.

**AMST 204** - American Foodways (3 Credits)

This seminar looks at the ways in which foodways relates American society and culture, and develops many of the skills that are central to interdisciplinarity.

**AMST 303** - Junior Special Topics Seminar (3 Credits)

Junior-level seminar that explores a topic chosen by the instructor.

**AMST 306** - Museums in the US (3 Credits)

Introduction to museums in the United States with a focus on how past practices are connected to ongoing debates, dilemmas, and opportunities in the field.

**AMST 307** - Virginia Issues and Controversies (3 Credits)

This seminar explores the ways in which scholars across several disciplines have written about Virginia, both past and present. The course is broken up into several themes: race relations, environmental degradation, social class, immigration, and social memory. Students will also have an opportunity to explore a topic of their choosing.

**AMST 308** - Civil Rights and American Memory (3 Credits)

This seminar familiarizes students with the history the civil rights movement in the mid-twentieth century and its representation in public space in relation to ongoing debates about race, civil rights, and public policy.

**AMST 350** - Topics in American Studies (3 Credits)

Explores specific topics in American Studies, e.g., "The Impact of Darwin on American Thought"; offered occasionally depending on faculty resources and student interest; may be used to meet part of the related field requirements.

**AMST 485** - Senior Thesis (3 Credits)

A significant research project pursued under the supervision of a faculty mentor.

**AMST 491** - Individual Study (1-4 Credits)

Directed individual research on problems in American Studies, as approved by the Director.

**AMST 499** - Internship (1-12 Credits)

Supervised off-campus experience, developed in consultation with the Director. Six credits may be taken but only three credits may count in major.