



**The University of Memphis
University College**

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**Bachelor of Liberal Studies
American Studies
2006-2007**

American Studies engages students in an examination of the culture and society of the United States, with attention paid to the ways in which Americans express their basic values and give meaning to their institutions and everyday social practices. These values, institutions, and practices are a reflection, in part, of the different experiences of a people, according to their race, gender, class, and historical roots. These guidelines provide students and faculty the opportunity to explore the commonalities and differences among Americans through an interdisciplinary course of study.

Students majoring in one of the departments included in the Coordinated Study Program listed below may be able to earn the B.L.S. in American Studies and a B.A. degree concurrently, by taking just a few additional hours above the 120 required for graduation.

For information on careers in this and other fields students should consult the career counselor located in 211 Wilder Tower, 678-2068.

Program Summary

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| I. General Education | 35-41 hours |
| II. American Studies Concentration | 33 hours |
| III. College Requirement | 10 hours |
| IV. Electives | 36- 42 hours |

Minimum total hours required: 120*

*Students must complete at least 60 hours from a 4 year institution.

*Students must complete at least 42 hours of upper division credit (3000 – 4000).

*Students must complete at least 30 of last 60 hours through The University of Memphis.

The University of Memphis is one of 46 institutions in the Tennessee Board of Regents system, the seventh largest system of higher education in the nation. It is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action university committed to education of a non-racially identified student body.

Detailed Program Summary

I. General Education

Students must complete the 35-41 hours of general education requirements as outlined in the attached general education grid. Please refer to the *Undergraduate Bulletin* section on “Graduation from the University” for a list of specific classes that will meet the General Education requirements. <http://academics.memphis.edu/bulletin/>

Students with majors in University College are exempt from the “American Heritage” general education requirements if they completed one year of American History in high school.

II. American Studies Concentration (33 hours)

No more than nine (9) semester hours can be taken from any single department, excluding History 2010 and 2020.

A. Required Core: (take all of the following, 9 hours)

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| HIST 2010 | The United States to 1877 |
| HIST 2020 | The United States Since 1877 |
| UNIV 3531 | American Experience: Images and Narrative |

B. Literature, Communications and Fine Arts (12 hours)

(Take at least 4 courses from this group)

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| ARTH 4166 | Social History of American Art |
| ARTH 4185 | African American Art |
| COMM 3361 | African American Rhetoric |
| COMM 4360 | Great American Speeches |
| COMM 4381 | Rhetoric and Public Controversy |
| COMM 4851 | Film History II (1940-1960) |
| COMM 4856 | Women and Film |
| ENGL 3321 | American Literature Before 1860 |
| ENGL 3322 | American Literature: 1860-WWI |
| ENGL 3323 | American Literature: WWI-Present |
| ENGL 3521 | The American Language |
| ENGL 4372 | Major African American Authors Through Harlem Ren. |
| ENGL 4373 | Major African American Authors Since Harlem Ren. |
| HIST 3863 | Social and Intellectual History of the United States |
| JOUR 1700 | Survey of Mass Communication |
| JOUR 3700 | History of Journalism |
| JOUR 4702 | Current Issues in Journalism |
| MUHL 4801 | American Folk and Popular Music |
| MUHL 4805 | History of Rock and Roll |
| MUHL 4806 | History of Jazz |
| MUHL 4807 | Memphis Music |
| SLS 3105 | Sports and Leisure as Popular Culture |

C. History, Philosophy, Politics and Social Institutions (12 hours)

(Take at least 4 courses from this group)

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| ANTH 4336 | Native Peoples of the Mid-South |
| ANTH 3282 | Cultural History of American Communities |
| ANTH 4420 | American Folklore |
| CJUS 3326 | Courts in America |
| CJUS 3426 | Corrections in America |
| ECON 3210 | Labor Economics |
| ECON 3411 | Economics of Social Issues |
| GEOG 3401 | Historical Geography of the United States |
| GEOG 4313 | Geography of the United States and Canada |
| HIST 3035 | Technology and Culture in American History |
| HIST 3823 | Economic History of the U.S. |

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| HIST | 3881 | African American History (formally HIST 4881) |
| HIST | 3905 | History of Memphis |
| HIST | 4670 | Civil War and Reconstruction |
| HIST | 4701 | The United States: 1914 to the Second World War |
| HIST | 4851 | History of Women in America |
| HIST | 4941 | History of the American Indian |
| LEAD | 4000 | Leadership and Reform in American Schools |
| PADM | 4221 | Issues in Urban Administration |
| PHIL | 3880 | Problems in Philosophy (when topic pertains to the U.S.) |
| PHIL | 3741 | African American Philosophy |
| POLS | 3103 | Religion and Politics |
| POLS | 3217 | The Political Media |
| POLS | 3506 | American Foreign Policy |
| POLS | 4211 | Constitutional Law: National Powers |
| POLS | 4212 | Constitutional Law: Origins & Evolution of Civil Liberties in the U. S. |
| POLS | 4217 | Legislative Process |
| POLS | 4224 | Urban Problems |
| POLS | 4405 | Origin and Development of American Political Thought |
| POLS | 4506 | Problems of American Foreign Policy |
| SLS | 4145 | The Cultural Formation of Sports in Urban America |
| SOCI | 4420 | Racial Inequality |
| SOCI | 4460 | Black and White Women in the South |
| SOCI | 4631 | Cities in Change |

III. College Requirements (10 hours)

A. Thematic Studies (6 hours)

Any UNIV 3500-3599 or UNIV 4500-4599

Students complete a total of 6 hours in a University College thematic studies course(s) of their choosing. These courses are designed to broaden a student's knowledge of significant themes in social, political, and religious history. Only specifically designated courses will meet this requirement. For a complete list of courses: <http://www.uc.memphis.edu/thematic.htm>

B. Senior Project (4 hours)

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| UNIV 4990 | Project Planning Seminar | 1 hour |
| UNIV 4995 | Senior Project | 3 hours |

The Senior Project is a student's culminating experience or capstone designed to synthesize and integrate the content of a student's program of study. The senior project is intended to fuse together the two or more academic areas that comprise your coordinated study (major) into an academically-relevant example of scholarship. Students will complete a thesis, task based or artistic project on a topic of their choice with approval of their Senior Project instructor. Students must select a topic by the end of their Junior year.

UNIV 4990 must be completed before UNIV 4995 with the exception of specified concentrations. The Senior Project is completed during a student's final semester. UNIV 4990 and UNIV 4995 can not be taken during the same semester. For information on the Senior Project and to request a registration permit: http://www.uc.memphis.edu/Senior_Project.htm

ALL Sections of UNIV 4995 are taught online either through the Regents Online Degree Program or U of M Online. Students will be assigned to a section based on the topic they select. RODP sections have an additional fee.

IV. General Electives (36-42 hours)

Students must take enough electives hours to earn a minimum of 120 semester hours. 60 of these hours must be taken at a 4-year institution and a minimum of 30 of the last 60 hours must be completed at the University of Memphis. A minimum of 42 upper division hours are required.

I. GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS 2006-2007
University College

| Required Courses | Course | Semester | Grade | Hours |
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| English Composition (6 hours): ENGL 1010 (minimum grade of C) (3) ENGL 1020 (minimum grade of C) (3) | | | | |
| Oral Communication and Rhetoric (3 hours): COMM 2381 Oral Communication (3) | | | | |
| Mathematics (3 hours): pick any one of the following MATH 1420, 1830, or 1910 | | | | |
| Humanities (9 hours): 1. Literature Course – ENGL 2201 or ENGL 2202 (3) 2. 3. | | | | |
| Social Science (6 hours): 1. 2. POLS 1100 is strongly recommended as 3 of the required 6 hours in social science. | | | | |
| Natural Science (8 hours): 1. 2. | | | | |
| Total General Education Hours Required | 35-41* | | | |

Refer to “Graduation from the University, General Education” in the Undergraduate Bulletin for courses which meet the above requirements. <http://academics.memphis.edu/bulletin/>

Consult the UC college advisors or faculty advisors if you have any questions about transfer credit equivalencies.

Needs to take American Heritage Requirement: Yes _____ No _____
 University College students are *exempt* from the American Heritage requirement as long as they have completed one year of American History in high school. However, HIST 2010 and HIST 2020 are required for the American Studies Concentration.

Remedial/developmental courses to complete: Yes _____ No _____
 If yes, list courses here:

High School Deficiencies to complete: Yes _____ No _____
 If yes, list courses here:

THE UNIVERSITY OF MEMPHIS
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GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION, 2006-2007

- _____ Earn a minimum of 120 semester-hours. All students who are following the 2002-2004 catalogs must have a minimum of 124 semester-hours.
- _____ Complete all required course work in General Education, Major Concentration, College Requirements and Electives with the minimum required grade. Students must successfully complete courses listed in the coordinated study or interdisciplinary studies major and the Senior Project with a C- or better.
- _____ Students must have an overall cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 including academic work at other colleges, a minimum University of Memphis GPA of 2.0, and a GPA of at least 2.25 in the Major Concentration.
- _____ At least 30 of the last 60 semester-hours of your degree program must be earned from The University of Memphis.
- _____ At least 60 semester-hours of your degree program must be taken at a four-year institution.
- _____ At least 42 (45 hours for RODP students) semester-hours of upper-division course work are required.
- _____ Apply to graduate one semester before you plan to graduate. See the University College homepage for deadlines and filing instructions. It is the student's responsibility to know and meet all deadlines. <http://www.uc.memphis.edu/graduation.htm>
- _____ Students may be randomly selected to take the Senior Test. If you are required to take this exam, you will be contacted. **Note:** RODP students are exempt from this test. Contact your University College advisor or graduation analyst about other possible exemptions.
- _____ Complete all other requirements specified in your concentration such as, but not limited to, the posting of experiential learning and transfer credit, completion of internship hours which includes signed evaluation forms and log of hours, and oral presentation of performance-based senior projects.
- _____ Students who are hoping to earn credit from an experiential learning portfolio must submit the portfolio as soon as possible after being accepted into University College. The portfolio review process can take up to 6 months. Portfolios must be submitted before a student can receive a permit for UNIV 4990, Project Planning Seminar. Portfolios must be evaluated before a student can receive a permit for UNIV 4995, Senior Project, and before a student can file the intent to graduate. Any required credit must be posted to your University of Memphis transcript before the graduation certification deadline.
- _____ All course substitutions must have prior approval from your academic college advisor. http://www.uc.memphis.edu/pdf/course_substitution_%20request_form.doc
- _____ An incomplete grade "I" must be changed to a final grade by the graduation certification deadline. If this change does not occur, you will be required to re-file your intent to graduate for the next semester.
- _____ Students must visit The University of Memphis commencement website at <http://saweb.memphis.edu/commencement/> and complete the required forms for graduation.

Participating in any commencement ceremony does not equal graduation from The University of Memphis.

Degrees are only awarded once all graduation requirements are fulfilled.

I understand that it is my (the student's) responsibility to know and meet all graduation requirements and deadlines. Failure to meet any requirement will result in my being disqualified from graduation, and I must re-file my intent to graduate for the next semester. Also, if I decide to postpone my graduation, I must re-file my intent to graduate for the intended semester. <http://www.uc.memphis.edu/graduation.htm>

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____