American Studies Minor

This interdisciplinary minor 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. This minor provides an opportunity to explore the commonalities and differences among Americans through an interdisciplinary course of study.

A. Required Core Courses (6 hours): Choose two of the following courses. The other two courses may be taken as elective courses, if desired.
   - UNIV 3522 American Cinema
   - UNIV 3526 War & American Society
   - UNIV 3531 American Experience: Image & Narrative
   - UNIV 3542 Baseball in America

B. Elective Courses (12 hours): Choose four of the following courses. No more than two courses from any single department will be accepted.
   - ANTH 3282 Cultural History of American Communities
   - ANTH 4336 Native Peoples of the Southeastern United States
   - COMM 4851 Film History II
   - COMM 4856 Women and Film
   - ENGL 3325 African American Literature through the Harlem Renaissance
   - ENGL 3326 African American Literature since the Harlem Renaissance
   - ENGL 3327 American Literature to 1890
   - ENGL 3328 American Literature since 1890
   - ESCI 3401 Historical Geography of the U.S.
   - MUHL 4801 American Folk and Popular Music
   - MUHL 4804 Blues
   - MUHL 4805 History of Rock and Roll
   - MUHL 4806 History of Jazz
   - MUHL 4807 Memphis Music
   - HIST 3035 Technology and Culture in American History
   - HIST 3863 Social and Intellectual History of the United States
   - HIST 4851 History of Women in America
   - HIST 4941 History of the American Indian
   - SOCI 3420 Sociology of the South
   - SOCI 4420 Racial Inequality

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