

American Studies Minor

REQUEST TO ADD A TRANSCRIPT-RECOGNIZED UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC MINOR AND/OR REQUEST FOR RECOGNITION ON THE UNIVERSITY TRANSCRIPTS¹

1. **TYPE OF PROPOSAL:** New Transcript-Recognized Minor
 Change an Existing Transcript-Recognized Minor
 Delete a Transcript-Recognized Minor
2. **OFFICIAL NAME:** American Studies Minor
3. **FIELD OF STUDY, CIP CODE** (administrative unit awarding the certificate):²
 American Studies, 05.0102
4. **STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVE:** To offer a minor for students who wish to study the cultural, social, and intellectual life of the United States of America, but who may not desire to complete the full requirements and number of hours required for the American Studies major.
5. **ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENT (IF ANY):** N/A
6. **NUMBER OF STUDENTS EXPECTED TO RECEIVE THE TRANSCRIPT-RECOGNIZED MINOR EACH SEMESTER:** 15
7. **ANTICIPATED ENROLLMENT CAPACITY?** 250
8. **NUMBER OF HOURS REQUIRED FOR COMPLETION:**³ 15
9. **COMPOSITION OF THE MINOR FACULTY COMMITTEE (INCLUDING THE COMMITTEE CHAIR):**⁴

Name of Faculty Member	College/Department	Title at UT Austin	Highest Degree and Awarding Institution
Steven Hoelscher (chair)	Liberal Arts/American Studies	Professor and Chair	Ph.D., University of Wisconsin-Madison
Cary Cordova	Liberal Arts/American Studies	Assistant Professor and Faculty Undergraduate Advisor	Ph.D., University of Texas at Austin
Janet Davis	Liberal Arts/American Studies	Associate Professor	Ph.D., University of Wisconsin-Madison
Lauren Gutterman	Liberal Arts/American Studies	Assistant Professor	Ph.D., New York University
Randolph Lewis	Liberal Arts/American Studies	Professor	Ph.D., University of Texas at Austin

10. **Academic Course Requirements:**⁵ Use this table to identify the courses that qualify for this certificate program.

Course Abbreviation and Number	Course Title	SCH ⁶
AMS 310	Introduction to American Studies	3
AMS 311S	Introductory Seminar in American Studies	3
AMS 315	Topics in American Life	3
AMS 315C	Movies Go to War	3
AMS 315D	Anthropology of Race and Ethnicity: An Introduction	3

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AMS 315F	Native American Literature and Culture	3
AMS 319S	Topics in American Studies	3
AMS 321	Studies in American Societies	3
AMS 321E	African American History to 1860.	3
AMS 321F	African American History since 1860	3
AMS 321G	Native Americans in Texas	3
AMS 321J	African American Social and Political Thought	3
AMS 322	Studies in American Writing	3
AMS 325	Studies in American Art and Media Culture	3
AMS 327	Studies in Religion and Philosophy	3
AMS 329	Environmental History of North America	3
AMS 329S	Topics in American Studies	3
AMS 330	Modernism in American Design and Architecture	3
AMS 355	Main Currents of American Culture to 1865	3
AMS 356	Main Currents of American Culture since 1865	3
AMS 370	Seminar in American Culture	3
AMS 372	Conference Course	3

11. OTHER MINOR REQUIREMENTS: 15 total hours including AMS 310; AMS 311S; either AMS 355 or AMS 356; AMS 370; and 3 additional hours.

12. COLLEGE/SCHOOL APPROVAL PROCESS:

Department approval date: 27 January 2017 Approved by whom: AMS TRM Cmte
College approval date: March 1, 2017 Approved by whom: Curriculum Design &
Assessment Cmte
Dean approval date: March 17, 2017 Approved by whom: COLA Faculty

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Fifteen semester credit hours, including:

1. American Studies 310, Introduction to American Studies
2. American Studies 311S, Introductory Seminar in American Studies
3. Three semester credit hours, chosen from:
 - a. American Studies 355, Main Currents of American Culture to 1865
 - b. American Studies 356, Main Currents of American Culture Since 1865
4. American Studies 370, Seminar in American Culture
5. Three additional semester credit hours of American studies

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Please include a draft of the catalog copy immediately following the above form. If this is an update of an existing copy, the draft should be based on the text of the current catalog available at:

<http://catalog.utexas.edu/undergraduate/>.

Strike through and replace (with underlines) only the specific language to be changed. Do NOT use track changes. Submit form electronically to the Office of the General Faculty and Faculty Council at fc@austin.utexas.edu. For questions on completing this section, please contact Victoria Cervantes, fc@austin.utexas.edu, 471-5934 or Brenda Schumann, brenda.schumann@austin.utexas.edu, 475-7654

¹ Proposed Policy on the Recognition of Undergraduate Academic Minors on Official University Transcripts as Approved by the Educational Policy Committee ([D 10359-10361](#)):

- A. Minimum Criteria for a Transcript-Recognized Undergraduate Academic Minor
- The transcript-recognized undergraduate academic minor must be completed in conjunction with an undergraduate degree at the University of Texas at Austin; students pursuing an integrated undergraduate/graduate program must complete the requirements for the minor within one year after completing the undergraduate requirements of their program.
 - Transcript-recognized undergraduate academic minors must require a minimum of fifteen hours of course work but not more than eighteen hours. None of the specified coursework for the minor can include unnumbered topics courses. Minors will include a minimum of six hours of upper division coursework except in cases where students are pursuing a minor in a foreign language. In those instances, the minor must include at least nine semester hours of coursework beyond first year competence in a foreign language, including at least three hours of upper-division coursework.
 - At least half of the required course work in the minor must be completed in residence at The University of Texas at Austin.
 - A student may not earn a minor in the same field of study as his or her major, and at least nine of the hours required for the minor must include coursework not used to satisfy the requirements of the student's major. However, courses in the minor may fulfill other degree requirements such as general education requirements or required elective hours.
 - Students apply for transcript-recognized undergraduate academic minors at the time they complete their undergraduate degree. Transcript recognition is awarded at that time.
- B. Approval Process For Transcript-Recognized Undergraduate Academic Minors
- The requirements of transcript-recognized undergraduate academic minors shall be listed in the undergraduate catalog, with proposals reviewed and approved by the Committee on Undergraduate Degree Program Review (CUDPR) and subsequently sent to the Faculty Council as minor legislation for approval. Proposals for these minors are required to obtain prior approval from the sponsoring college(s) or school(s).

Program proposals submitted by the offering unit (e.g., the department or academic program) must include a statement of objective and need (expected demand), anticipated enrollment capacity, academic course and other requirements, the field of study (and CIP code), and the composition of the minor faculty committee, including the committee chair. Proposals for a transcriptable minor should describe the admissions process (if any) for acceptance into the minor. In cases where minors are offered in the same field of study as a major, the faculty of the unit offering the major will de facto constitute the faculty committee for the minor, and the department chair (or designate) will be designated as the committee chair for the minor. The committee must have a minimum of five members, and at least two-thirds of the committee must be tenured or tenure-track faculty.

Once approved, programs are required to submit a report to CUDPR every four years. The report must list the current chair and all committee members and include the number of students completing the minor in each of the prior four years. If the committee plans any changes in the requirements of the minor, these changes should be explained; changes require the same approvals as an original application, that is, approval by the college(s) or school(s), CUDPR, and the Faculty Council.

- C. The Certification Process for Students Completing the Requirements for a Minor
- Certification of completion of the requirements is done by the program's faculty committee chair (or the department's undergraduate advisor). An application for the certification of completion is

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initiated by the student and submitted to the chair of the faculty oversight committee at the time they complete their undergraduate degree or the certificate program, whichever comes later. Transcript recognition is awarded at that time.

Application for certification must be made directly to the academic unit offering the minor and is not a substitute for the application for graduation required by a student's degree-granting school or college.

After approval of the student's application, the Office of the Registrar will be notified so that the minor can be shown on the official transcript.

² Use the federal CIP code selector site to pick a code, <http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cipcode>. After all other areas of this form are completed, forward a copy to the Office of Institutional Reporting, Research, and Information Systems (IRRIS) IRRIS_data_request@utlists.utexas.edu with a request to verify the CIP code ("CIP CODE" in the subject line). Include your contact information, so an IRRIS member may contact you with any questions.

³ See footnote ¹A.b. above: 15-20hours are required.

⁴ See footnote ¹B. above

⁵ Note with an asterisk (*) courses that would be added if the transcript-recognized minor is approved. Specify changes to the qualifying courses by noting those no longer qualifying and those now qualifying. (*Add and delete rows as needed.*) If the course numbers and titles change on a regular basis, please indicate the types of courses and number of hours for required for each.

Note with a hashtag (#) courses that require a prerequisite and provide the prerequisite course numbers.

⁶ Semester Credit Hours.