

The American Studies Major at a Glance
A Planning Worksheet

Name _____

Dates: Today _____ Graduation _____

ID _____ Other Major(s)? _____

A. UT requirements (beyond the major):

Are all requirements beyond your major under control? Check using a DARS report.

Can you use AMST courses to fulfill any requirements for distributions and/or other majors? A second major/minor can double-count 12 hours from a primary major or upper-level US Studies/Foreign Studies.

Check FAQs on American Studies website and/or the advising website: <http://www.artsci.utk.edu/advising/>.

You can make an appointment in A&S advising (974-4481) for questions about general issues.

B. Checklist for Planning an American Studies major (effective 2013; see footnotes below for earlier rules.)

You need 11 courses total. For more information, see the AMST website: <http://web.utk.edu/~amerstud/>

1-2. Two 200-level courses from the choices below (most of these count for lower-level distributions):¹

English 231 ___ English 232 ___ English 233 ___ History 221 ___ History 222 ___ Religious Studies 233 ___

3. American Studies 310 (Introduction) _____ or American Studies 450 (Senior Seminar) _____

Take *both* if possible (list 450 as 11th course below). If you must *choose*, 450 is strongly recommended.

4-6. Courses for breadth

	<i>Finished</i>	<i>Planned</i>	<i>Options to Consider</i>
One History: ²	_____	_____	_____
One Social Science: ³	_____	_____	_____
One Literature: ⁴	_____	_____	_____

7-11. Five courses above the 200-level from any category—including relevant variable topics courses—chosen so that you have a coherent focus plus breadth in racial/ethnic & sex/gender differences.⁵

	<i>Finished</i>	<i>Planned</i>	
Finished _____	_____	_____	<i>Options to consider</i>
Finished _____	_____	_____	_____
Finished _____	_____	_____	_____
Finished _____	_____	_____	_____
Finished _____	_____	_____	<u><i>AMST 450 strongly recommended if not used above</i></u>

C. Checklist for an American Studies **Minor.**

AMST 310 or 450, plus 12 hours from any above category. No more than 6 hours in the same discipline.

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____ (Options _____)

D. Have you officially *declared* your major or minor? *This does not happen automatically.*

E. Next steps: Petitions needed? People to contact? Decisions pending? Ideas to follow up?

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

¹English courses (American Literature I & II and Black Writers) count for Humanities A; Religious Studies 233 (Religion and Society in North America) counts for Social Science A. Before 2013 two English courses are pre-requisites, but RS 233 and HIST 222 are petitionable.

² Before 2013, two courses in this category; at least two are still strongly recommended if you take only English courses at the 200 level.

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⁴ Before 2013, two English courses were pre-requisites. If you use HIST 222 and RS 233, two in English are still strongly recommended.

⁵ Before 2013 there was an “ethnic minority” category. We took it out because it overlapped extensively with other categories and did not emphasize sexuality/gender. Your major should include **more**, not less, than one choice with clear strength in these categories.