

## Interdisciplinary Minors

HIST	368T*	Women in the United States
IDSC	291T*	The Anatomy of Violence
JOUR	305T	Gender, Race and Mass Media
PSY	205T*	Psychology of Women
SOC	255T*	Gender in American Society
SOC	304T	Adolescence in Society
SOC	321T*	Marriage and the Family

### Multicultural or Ethnic Studies

INS	231A	Religion in African-American History
INS	232A	Blacks in America: An Introduction to African-American Studies
INS	233A	Women: A Cross Cultural Perspective
INS	260A*	Contemporary American Indians
INS	320A	American Indian Women
SOC	325C*	Cultural Anthropology
SPCM	210C*	Intercultural Communication
ANT	333H*	North American Indians
SOC	335H*	Sociology of Race and Ethnicity
ARTH	285T	Arts of Africa and the African Diaspora
ARTH	289T	Asian Art
COMM	230T*	Intercultural Communication
MUSC	216T	Jazz in America
SOC	251T*	Race and Ethnicity
SOC	301T*	General Anthropology

## American Cultural Studies (ACST)

Banfield, director (Endowed Chair in Humanities & Fine Arts)

American Cultural Studies is an interdisciplinary minor in which students will have the opportunity to develop a critical perspective on the rich and multiple meanings of two crucial terms: "American" and "culture."

Drawing on perspectives from a number of participating departments and programs (e.g. communication, English, history, art history, sociology, music, theology, philosophy, theater, journalism and mass communication, and modern and Classical languages), the American Cultural Studies minor examines the symbols, practices, and histories which contribute to the complexity and variety of the "American" experience, including North America and South America. In addition to making connections among disciplines, students will be encouraged to engage in analysis that discovers linkages and tensions between vernacular and elite culture, as well as among diverse and multiple cultural identities and affiliations. Although the emphasis will be on the analysis of culture as a system, the program may where appropriate offer courses that address the relationship between contemporary cultural phenomena and their historical origins.

The American Cultural Studies minor will appeal to any student who wishes to acquire a critical intellectual framework for:

1. thinking and acting in a diverse and increasingly fragmented society;
2. developing a political, economic, artistic, and spiritual consciousness that is informed by and expressed through popular culture and the technology of mass media and communication.

Given its emphasis on the diversity and multiplicity of cultural experience and its interdisciplinary focus on the various strands that comprise the fabric of a given culture, the minor in American cultural Studies is particularly suited to provide students with the awareness and critical framework necessary to be effective and ethical participants in an increasingly globalized civic and economic environment.

### Minor in American Cultural Studies

200 Foundations of American Cultural Studies

*Plus:*

Twenty additional credits (at least four from each of the categories below and no more than eight from a single department):

#### American Cultures: History, Society, Politics

GEOG	340	Geography of the U.S. and Canada
HIST	210	Modern Latin America 1800 to the Present
HIST	361	American Thought and Culture since the Civil War
HIST	369	African-American History
POL	301	American Political Behavior
SOC	251	Race and Ethnicity
SPAN	332	Survey of Latin American Culture and Civilization

**American Cultures: Literature and the Arts**

ARTH	320	Art and Culture of Colonial Mexico
ARTH	391	Native American Art
ARTH	392	American Art
ENGL	215	American Authors II
ENGL	373	Contemporary American Literature
ENGL	395	Issues in Literature and Culture
MUSC	216	Jazz in America
MUSC	217	Music of the Americas
MUSC	218	Black American Music: An Historical Survey
MUSC	222	The Theology of American Popular Music
THR	223	History of Theater III: American

**American Cultures: Mass Culture, Popular Culture, and Communication Media**

COMM	340	Rhetorical Dimensions of Race, Class and Gender
COMM	350	Modern American Rhetoric
COMM	360	Television Criticism
COMM	455	Political Communication and Television
JOUR	302	Literary Journalism
JOUR	305	Gender, Race, and Mass Media
JOUR	402	Society, Culture, and the Media
JOUR	404	Media, Structure and Power

**200 Introduction to American Cultural Studies**

Students will explore in an interdisciplinary fashion some of the central ideas, myths, and perspectives that have shaped the American cultural experience. Although primarily focused on the culture of the United States, examination of the historical/cultural phenomena of North, Central, and South American will be considered. Through a critical analysis of various forms of culture expression, students will gain an understanding of how different groups of Americans define themselves and each other; how cultural identity and meaning have been constructed; and how power has been established, maintained, and, at times, diffused and shared. Students will also be exposed to the theoretical and methodological issues current in the field. This course fulfills the Human Diversity requirement of the core curriculum.

**Family Studies (FAST)**

Grochowski (H&HP), director

Family Studies is an interdisciplinary field of study in which the family is the primary unit of analysis. The purpose of this minor is to enable students to critically examine the family using a variety of theories and methods. Family Studies scholars can develop understanding of business and communication dynamics, health and social concerns, and psychological and theological matters affecting families and their members. A family studies minor is flexible and multidisciplinary, providing for both broad exposure and disciplinary integration. This minor provides preparation for advanced study in family studies and the allied fields, as well as professional work in organizations focusing on families.

No more than eight credits may be taken from a single major field. Students interested in a minor in Family Studies should meet with the director.

**Minor in Family Studies**

400 Family Studies Seminar

*Plus one of:*

PSY	288	Psychology of Marriage and the Family
SOC	321	Marriage and the Family

*Plus three of:*

COMM	425	Family Communication
ENTR	349	Family Business Management
FAST	495, 496	Individual Study (2 credits)
FAST	497, 498	Individual Study
HIST	345	Family and Women in Chinese History
HLTH	462	Human Sexuality Education
PSY	200	Psychology of Infancy and Childhood
PSY	204	The Psychology of Adulthood and Aging
PSY	288	Psychology of Marriage and the Family