

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

Interdisciplinary Minors

SOWK	210	Relationship, Intimacy, and Sexuality
SOC	303	Aging and the Lifecourse
SOC	304	Adolescence in Society
SOC	321	Marriage and the Family
THEO	315	Christian Marriage

295, 296, 297, 298 Topics

The subject matter of these courses, announced in the annual *Class Schedule*, will vary from year to year, but will not duplicate existing courses. See the description of these courses at the beginning of the “Departments and Curricula” section of this catalog.

400 Seminar in Family Studies

This advanced capstone course for the Family Studies minor is a multidisciplinary seminar taken after the learner has completed at least four courses in the Family Studies minor. The course will incorporate a variety of methods, theories, and pedagogies drawn from the family studies paradigm. A substantial portion of the course will be devoted to student research and presentations that incorporate family studies scholarship.

Prerequisite: PSY 288 or SOC 321 and three other courses from the list of approved courses for the minor.

495, 496, 497, 498 Individual Study

See the description of these courses at the beginning of the “Departments and Curricula” section of this catalog.

Legal Studies

Erstling (BLAW), director

The minor in legal studies enables students to undertake a multidisciplinary examination of the relationship of law to culture and society. Understanding the foundations and nature of law and legal process is an integral element of a liberal arts education. Several departments within the university offer courses that examine the sociological, political, philosophical, journalistic, historical, economic and business aspects of legal behavior and legal systems.

By drawing on those courses, the legal studies minor exposes students to a variety of perspectives on the study of law and provides a broad understanding of the role of law in society.

The legal studies minor is not intended as a pre-law program, although it may prove especially attractive to students interested in careers in law, public administration or related professions. Its objective is to allow students to undertake an examination of law and legal process within a liberal arts context.

Minor in Legal Studies

Twenty credits from the following list, or other courses selected with the approval of the program director. To ensure an interdisciplinary base of study, no more than eight credits may come from any one department.

BLAW	301	Legal Environment of Business
BLAW	302	Business Law for Accounting
BLAW	303	International Business Law
BLAW	304	Real Estate Law
BLAW	351	Environmental Law
BLAW	352	Gender Issues and the Law
BLAW	401	Legal Research, Advocacy, and Dispute Resolution
BLAW	402	Law of Electronic Commerce
ECON	321	Law and Economics
HIST	326	English Law and Government before the American Revolution
HIST	365	U.S. Constitutional History
IDSC	340	Criminal Law and the Social Order
JOUR	304	Media Law
PHIL	357	Political Philosophy
PHIL	359	Philosophy of Law
POL	312	Judicial Process
POL	313	Constitutional Law and Politics
POL	314	Constitutional Rights and Liberties
POL	326	International Law and Organizations
POL	414	Seminar in Law and Judicial Politics
THEO	397	Topics courses that involve a legal aspect (consult Legal Studies adviser)