American Culture Studies

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Minors

For more information about the other minor offered by American Culture Studies, please visit the Asian American Studies page (http://bulletin.wustl.edu/undergrad/artsci/asianamericanstudies/) of this Bulletin.

The Minor in American Culture Studies

Total units required: 15 credits, at least 9 of which must be at the 300 level or higher.

Requirements:

• **Introductory Course** (3 credits) as designated by American Culture Studies: Options for this requirement have recently included AMCS 220 Topics in AMCS: Race and American Popular Music, AMCS 206 “Reading” Culture: The Visible and Invisible: Introduction to American Visual Cultures Studies, and AMCS 202 The Immigrant Experience. Visit our Course Listings (http://amcs.wustl.edu/listing.php) webpage for the full listing by semester.

• **Distribution Course Work** (9 credits): At least three courses on American subjects (two of which must be at the 300 level or higher) either in a single established Concentration Area (https://amcs.wustl.edu/major-requirements/#primary) (refer to the list of established concentrations below) or in three distinct disciplines outside the student’s major.

• One additional AMCS course (3 credits).

• At least two multidisciplinary courses: Taken as part of the above minor requirements and designated by AMCS, minors who opt to do a concentration are encouraged to take at least one multidisciplinary course that connects to the subjects or issues in the chosen concentration area. AMCS 375A: Methods and Visions (a junior-level seminar) is also encouraged and may count as a multidisciplinary course. Visit our Course Listings (http://amcs.wustl.edu/listing.php) webpage for a complete list of general and multidisciplinary courses that count toward the AMCS major.

• Only one of the courses taken to complete the minor requirements may be home-based in the same discipline as the student’s major(s).

Additional Information

Established Concentration Areas

The following list reflects areas of longstanding student interest. Minors are welcome to propose new concentrations or to tailor an established one to suit their interests. AMCS currently has nine established concentration areas:

• 20th-Century America
• Early America
• The Construction of Race and Ethnicity in American Life
• Policy-Making in American Society
• Popular Culture
• A Sense of Place: Community, Region and Landscape
• Social Thought and Social Problems
• Visual, Material and Digital Cultures in the United States
• War and Peace

Visit our undergraduate AMCS webpage (https://amcs.wustl.edu/undergraduate/) for more information about the minor requirements and concentration areas as well as other resources and announcements for AMCS students.