American Studies


Mission of the Undergraduate Program in American Studies

The mission of the undergraduate program in American Studies is to provide students with a broad understanding of American culture and society. Building on a foundation of courses in history and institutions, literature and the arts, and race and ethnicity, students learn to analyze and interpret America's past and present, forging fresh and creative syntheses along the way. The program is an interdisciplinary major and, beyond the core requirements of the major, students may define and pursue their own interests from fields such as history, literature, art, communication, theater, African American studies, feminist studies, economics, anthropology, religious studies, Chicana/o studies, law, sociology, education, Native American studies, music, and film. The program is designed to provide students majoring in American Studies with excellent preparation for further study in graduate or professional schools as well as careers in government, business, or other specialized fields.

Learning Outcomes (Undergraduate)

The department expects undergraduate majors in the program to be able to demonstrate the following learning outcomes. These learning outcomes are used in evaluating students and the department's undergraduate program. Students are expected to demonstrate:

1. higher order, interdisciplinary, historically informed understanding of how to think about American culture and society, drawing on course work in: history and institutions; literature, art, and culture; comparative race and ethnicity; and each student's individualized thematic focus.
2. ability to identify and critically to assess different disciplinary, methodological, and interpretive approaches to the study of Americans and their past.
3. ability to produce their own persuasive, nuanced, fact-based interpretations reflecting a close critical reading and analysis of relevant primary or secondary sources.
4. ability to express their interpretive and analytical arguments in clear, effective prose.
5. ability to listen actively and to contribute to productive intellectual discussion in class.

Bachelor of Arts in American Studies

The core requirements illustrate how different disciplines approach the study and interpretation of American life and include three courses in each of two main areas: history and institutions; and literature, culture, and the arts. One additional course in comparative race and ethnicity is also required. The required gateway seminar, AMSTUD 160 Perspectives on American Identity, explores the tensions between commonality and difference from a variety of disciplinary perspectives.

Beyond the core requirements of the major, American Studies expects students to define and pursue their own interests in interpreting important dimensions of American life. Accordingly, each student designs a thematic concentration of at least five courses drawn from fields such as history, literature, art, communication, theater, political science, African American studies, feminist studies, economics, anthropology, religious studies, Chicana/o studies, law, sociology, education, Native American studies, music, and film. At least one of the five courses in a student's thematic concentration should be a small group seminar or a colloquium. With program approval, students may conclude the major with a capstone honors research project during their senior year.

Whether defined broadly or narrowly, the thematic focus or concentration should examine its subject from the vantage of multiple disciplines. Examples of concentrations include: race and the law in America; gender in American culture and society; technology in American life and thought; health policy in America; art and culture in 19th-century America; education in America; nature and the environment in American culture; politics and the media; religion in American life; borders and boundaries in American culture; the artist in American society; and civil rights in America.

Completion of the major thus normally requires 13 courses (totaling at least 60 units), all of which must be taken for a letter grade. Not all courses are offered each year; students should consult ExploreCourses (http://exploreCourses.stanford.edu) for scheduling information for the current academic year.

Degree Requirements

1. Gateway Requirements

AMSTUD 160 Perspectives on American Identity (WIM course for American Studies) 5

2. History and Institution

Majors are required to complete three courses in American History and Institutions. Specific requirements are:

AMSTUD/HISTORY 150A Colonial and Revolutionary America 5
AMSTUD/HISTORY 150B 19th-Century America 5
Select one of the following: 3-5
AMSTUD/COMM 1B Media, Culture, and Society
AMSTUD/POLSCI 2 Introduction to American National Government and Politics
AMSTUD 91 Exploring American Religious History
AMSTUD 107 Introduction to Feminist Studies
AMSTUD/ECON 116 American Economic History
AMSTUD 121Z Political Power in American Cities
AMSTUD 135 Deliberative Democracy and its Critics
AMSTUD 140 Stand Up Comedy and the “Great American Joke” Since 1945
AMSTUD/HISTORY 150C The United States in the Twentieth Century

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3. Literature, Culture, and the Arts

Majors are required to take a minimum of three courses in literature, culture, and the arts, broadly understood. Specific requirements are:

- At least one course focusing on the period before the Civil War, normally:
  - AMSTUD 150/ENGLISH 123 American Literature and Culture to 1855 (5 units)

- Select two of the following:
  - AMSTUD 32 The 5th Element: Hip Hop Knowledge, Pedagogy, and Social Justice (6-10 units)
  - AMSTUD/ENGLISH 68N Mark Twain and American Culture (6 units)
  - AMSTUD 120/COMM 120W Digital Media in Society (6 units)
  - AMSTUD 121 Introduction to American Literature (6 units)
  - AMSTUD 124A The American West (6 units)
  - AMSTUD/ARTHIST 132 American Art and Culture, 1528-1910 (6 units)
  - AMSTUD/ENGLISH 139B American Women Writers, 1850-1920 (6 units)
  - AMSTUD 140 Stand Up Comedy and the "Great American Joke" Since 1945 (6 units)

- AMSTUD 145M/ARTHIST 145 Culture Wars: Art and Social Conflict in the USA, 1890-1950 (6 units)

- AMSTUD/COMPLIT 146 Asian American Culture and Community (6 units)

- AMSTUD/ENGLISH 146C Hemingway, Hurston, Faulkner, and Fitzgerald (6 units)

- AMSTUD 152G Harlem Renaissance (6 units)

- AMSTUD 154X/ARTHIST 154 The American Civil War: A Visual History (6 units)

- AMSTUD 159X/ARTHIST 159 American Photographs, 1839-1971: A Cultural History (6 units)

- AMSTUD 178 Ethnicity and Dissent in United States Art and Literature (6 units)

- AMSTUD 183 Re-Imagining American Borders (6 units)

- AMSTUD/ENGLISH 186 Angeles (6 units)

- AMSTUD/EDUC 226X Museums (6 units)

- AMSTUD/ARTHIST 244 The Visual Culture of the American Home Front, 1941-1945 (6 units)

- THINK 31 Reimagining America (6 units)

4. Comparative Race and Ethnicity

Majors are required to take one course that focuses on the comparative study of race and ethnicity rather than a single racial or ethnic group.

- AMSTUD 51Q Comparative Fictions of Ethnicity (3-5 units)

- AMSTUD 54N African American Women's Lives (3-5 units)

- AMSTUD 114Q Visions of the 1960s (3-5 units)

- AMSTUD 121L Racial-Ethnic Politics in US (3-5 units)

- AMSTUD/COMPLIT 142 The Literature of the Americas (3-5 units)

- AMSTUD 152G Harlem Renaissance (3-5 units)

- AMSTUD/CSRE 183 Re-Imagining American Borders (3-5 units)

- AMSTUD 214 The American 1960s: Thought, Protest, and Culture (3-5 units)

- AMSTUD 267E Martin Luther King, Jr. - His Life, Ideas, and Legacy (3-5 units)

- AMSTUD 271 Mexicans in the United States (3-5 units)

- AMSTUD 272E Theories of Citizenship and Sovereignty in a Transnational Context (3-5 units)

- AMSTUD 281 Asian Religions in America; Asian American Religions (3-5 units)

- SOC 149 The Urban Underclass (3-5 units)

5. Concentration and Capstone Seminar

Students must design a thematic concentration of at least five courses, with the help of faculty advisers. The courses, taken together, must give the student in-depth knowledge and understanding of a coherent topic in American cultures, history, and institutions. Thematic concentrations should be approved by the end of the registration period of the Autumn Quarter of the junior year, if at all possible. Sample thematic concentrations and courses that allow a student to explore them are available in the American Studies Office in Building 460.

At least one of the courses in the concentration must be designated as the capstone seminar and must require a substantial research paper on a topic related to the thematic concentration. This paper must be filed in the
Students may choose, but are not limited to, selections for their thematic approval. In a research paper, may also fulfill this requirement with the Director's project, or an independent study course with a faculty member culminating to propose others that may fit better with their concentrations. An honors courses that satisfy the capstone requirement, but students are encouraged program office prior to degree conferral. The program office has a list of suggested courses:

| AFRICAAM 16N | African Americans and Social Movements | 3 |
| AFRICAAM 105 | Introduction to African and African American Studies | 5 |
| AMTHRO 246A | California Dreaming: West Coast Art and Visual Culture, 1848-present | 5 |
| CHILATST 14N | Growing Up Bilingual | 3 |
| CHILATST 125S | Chicano/Latino Politics | 5 |
| CHILATST 200 | Latin@ Literature | 3-5 |
| CHILATST 201B | From Racial Justice to Multiculturalism: Movement-based Arts Organizing in the Post Civil Rights Era | 5 |
| COMM 1A | Mass Media, Society, and Democracy | 4-5 |
| COMM 116 | Journalism Law | 5 |
| COMM 117 | Digital Journalism | 5 |
| COMM 125 | Perspectives on American Journalism | 5 |
| COMM 162 | Campaigns, Voting, Media, and Elections | 5 |
| CSRE 45Q | Understanding Race and Ethnicity in American Society | 4 |
| CSRE 103B | Race, Ethnicity, and Linguistic Diversity in Classrooms: Sociocultural Theory and Practices | 3-5 |
| CSRE 179G | Indigenous Identity in Diaspora: People of Color Art 3-5 Practice in North America | 5 |
| CSRE 245 | Understanding Racial and Ethnic Identity Development | 3-5 |
| ECON 153 | Economics of the Internet | 5 |
| ECON 155 | Environmental Economics and Policy | 5 |
| ECON 157 | Imperfect Competition | 5 |
| EDUC 102 | Examining Social Structures, Power, and Educational Access | 2-3 |
| EDUC 112X | Urban Education | 3-4 |
| EDUC 216 | Education, Race, and Inequality in African American History, 1880-1990 | 3-5 |
| EDUC 277 | Education of Immigrant Students: Psychological Perspectives | 4 |
| ENGLISH 146C | Hemingway, Hurston, Faulkner, and Fitzgerald | 5 |
| ENGLISH 151F | Angelheaded Hipsters: Beat Writers of San Francisco and New York | 5 |
| HISTORY 41Q | Mad Women: Women and Mental Illness in U.S. History | 3 |
| HISTORY 60N | Revolutionaries and Founders | 3 |
| HISTORY 64 | Racial and Ethnic Diversity in Modern America | 5 |
| HISTORY 130A | In Sickness and In Health: Medicine and Society in the United States: 1800-Present | 5 |
| HISTORY 166B | Immigration Debates in America, Past and Present | 3-5 |
| HISTORY 167A | Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Global Freedom Struggle | 3-5 |
| HISTORY 201 | Introduction to Public History and Public Service | 4-5 |
| HISTORY 260 | California's Minority-Majority Cities | 4-5 |
| HISTORY 264G | Madness in American Society: The Social History of Mental Illness in the United States | 5 |
| HUMBIO 120 | Health Care in America: An Introduction to U.S. Health Policy | 4 |
| HUMBIO 120A | American Health Policy | 3 |
| HUMBIO 121E | Ethnicity and Medicine | 1-3 |
| HUMBIO 122S | Social Class, Race, Ethnicity, and Health | 4 |
| HUMBIO 123 | Obesity in America: Clinical and Public Health Implications | 3-4 |
| HUMBIO 125 | Current Controversies in Women's Health | 2-3 |
| HUMBIO 166 | Food and Society: Exploring Eating Behaviors in Social, Environmental, and Policy Context | 4 |
| HUMBIO 175 | Health Care as Seen Through Medical History, Literature, and the Arts | 6 |
| INTNLREL 140C | The U.S., U.N. Peacekeeping, and Humanitarian War | 5 |
| MUSIC 8A | Rock, Sex, and Rebellion | 3 |
| MUSIC 11Q | Art in the Metropolis | 3 |
| MUSIC 17Q | Perspectives in North American Taiko | 5 |
| MUSIC 18A | Jazz History: Ragtime to Bebop, 1900-1940 | 3 |
| MUSIC 18B | Jazz History: Bebop to Present, 1940-Present | 3 |
| MUSIC 34N | Performing America: The Broadway Musical | 5 |
| NATIVEAM 103S | Native American Women, Gender Roles, and Status | 5 |
| NATIVEAM 115 | Introduction to Native American History | 5 |
| NATIVEAM 240 | Psychology and American Indian Mental Health | 3-5 |
| POLISCI 110X | America and the World Economy | 5 |
| POLISCI 118P | U.S. Relations in the World | 5 |
| POLISCI 120B | Campaigns, Voting, Media, and Elections | 5 |
| POLISCI 120C | What's Wrong with American Government? An Institutional Approach | 5 |
| POLISCI 121 | Political Power in American Cities | 5 |
| POLISCI 124S | Civil Liberties: Judicial Politics and Constitutional Law | 5 |
| POLISCI 213S | A Post American Century? American Foreign Policy in a Uni-Multi-unipolar World | 5 |
| POLISCI 225C | Fixing US Politics: Political Reform in Principle and Practice | 5 |
| POLISCI 240T | Democracy, Promotion, and American Foreign Policy | 5 |
| PUBLPOL 101 | Politics and Public Policy | 5 |
| PUBLPOL 125 | Law and Public Policy | 5 |
| PUBLPOL 132 | The Politics of Policy Making | 3 |
| PUBLPOL 135 | Regional Politics and Decision Making in Silicon Valley and the Greater Bay Area | 3 |
| PUBLPOL 154 | Politics and Policy in California | 3 |
| PUBLPOL 156 | Health Care Policy and Reform | 4 |
| PUBLPOL 194 | Technology Policy | 3-4 |
| SOC 135 | Poverty, Inequality, and Social Policy in the United States | 3 |
| SOC 118 | Social Movements and Collective Action | 4 |
| SOC 138 | American Indians in Comparative Historical Perspective | 4 |
| SOC 142 | Sociology of Gender | 5 |
Honors Program

To graduate with honors, American Studies majors must complete a senior thesis and have an overall grade point average of 3.5 in the major, or demonstrated academic competence. Students must apply to enter the honors program no later than the end of registration period in Autumn Quarter of their senior year, and must enroll in 10-15 units of AMSTUD 250 Senior Research, during the senior year. These units are in addition to the units required for the major. The application to enter the program must contain a one-page statement of the topic of the senior thesis, and must be submitted for evaluation and possible revision to the adviser no later than four weeks before graduation.

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Students are encouraged to choose an honors topic and adviser during the junior year. To assist students in this task, American Studies offers a pre-honors seminar (AMSTUD 240A Pre-Honors Seminar) in which students learn research skills, develop honors topics, and complete honors proposals. Students also may enroll in the American Studies Honors College during September before the senior year. American Studies also provides students the opportunity to work as paid research assistants for faculty members during the summer between their junior and senior year. More information about American Studies honors is available from the program office.

Minor in American Studies

To earn a minor in American Studies, students must complete at least 28 units of work in the program. Because students may not count courses for both a major and a minor, the specific courses that are used for an American Studies minor depend on the courses that are used to satisfy the major requirement.

A student must take the following:

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<td>AMSTUD 25Q</td>
<td>The Origins of the Modern American City, 1865-1920. 3 Units. Are we living in a new Gilded Age? To answer this question, we go back to the original Gilded Age, as well as its successor, the Progressive Era. How did urban Americans around the turn of the twentieth century deal with stark inequalities of class, race, ethnicity, gender, and sexuality? And what can we learn from their struggles for our own time? Students use primary and secondary sources in digital and print formats. Possible field trip to San Francisco. Same as: HISTORY 55Q, URBANST 25Q</td>
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This course-series brings together leading scholars with critically-acclaimed artists, local teachers, youth, and community organizations to consider the complex relationships between culture, knowledge, pedagogy and social justice. Participants will examine the cultural meaning of knowledge as "the 5th element" of Hip Hop Culture (in addition to MCing, DJing, graffiti, and dance) and how educators and cultural workers have leveraged this knowledge for social justice. Overall, participants will gain a strong theoretical knowledge of culturally relevant and culturally sustaining pedagogies and learn to apply this knowledge by engaging with guest artists, teachers, youth, and community youth arts organizations.
Same as: AFRICAAM 32, CSRE 32A, EDUC 32X, EDUC 432X, TAPS 32

AMSTUD 50N. The Literature of Inequality: Have and Have-Nots from the Gilded Age to the Occupy Era. 3 Units.
Not since the turn of the last century have Americans experienced such a profound gap between those who have and those who do not, between wealthy and working poor, between defacto upper and lower classes, between those of the status quo and those who slip to the social periphery. We will be examining literary and artistic explorations of social and economic inequality, fiction and art that looks at reversals of fortune as well as the possibilities for social change. Readings include Jacob Riisquie's 
How the Other Half Lives, W.E.B. Du Boisquie's 
The Souls of Black Folk, Edith Whartonquie's 
House of Mirth, James Agee & Walker Evansquie's 
Let Us Not Forget Famous Men, T.C. Boylequie's 
The Tortilla Curtain, Julie Otsukaiquest's 
The Emperor Was Divine and Occupy Movement art.

AMSTUD 51Q. Comparative Fictions of Ethnicity. 4 Units.
We may "know" "who" we "are," but we are, after all, social creatures. How does our sense of self interact with those around us? How does literature provide a particular medium for not only self expression, but also for meditations on what goes into the construction of "the Self"? After all, don't we tell stories in response to the question, "who are you"? Besides a list of nouns and names and attributes, we give our lives flesh and blood in telling how we process the world. Our course focuses in particular on this question--Does this universal issue ("who am I") become skewed differently when we add a qualifier before it, like "ethnic"?.
Same as: COMPLIT 51Q, CSRE 51Q

AMSTUD 54N. African American Women's Lives. 3-4 Units.
Preference to freshmen. The everyday lives of African American women in 19th- and 20th-century America in comparative context of histories of European, Hispanic, Asian, and Native American women. Primary sources including personal journals, memoirs, music, literature, and film, and historical texts. Topics include slavery and emancipation, labor and leisure, consumer culture, social activism, changing gender roles, and the politics of sexuality.
Same as: AFRICAAM 54N, CSRE 54N, FEMGEN 54N, HISTORY 54N

AMSTUD 63N. The Feminist Critique: The History and Politics of Gender Equality. 3-4 Units.
This course explores the emergence of concepts of gender equality in world history. It asks how gender inequality relates to racial, ethnicity, and sexual identities, how men engage with feminism, whether gender equality is purely a western cultural tradition, and much more. We approach the long history of ideas about gender and equality by reading primary historical documents from around the world, moving from the 15th century to the present. Topics include education, the body, sexuality, violence, labor, and politics.
Same as: CSRE 63N, FEMGEN 63N, HISTORY 63N

AMSTUD 66. Ten Ways to Study Cars. 1 Unit.
This class is a lunch seminar on the car and auto-mobility in twentieth-century America. We will talk about cars with a guest each week from one of ten disciplines; and topics will range from design and mechanics, to film and literature, the mapping of the United States, a gas dependent economy, social mobility, car collectability, and the history of the driver's license. Guests from Design and the Stanford Reva Digital Archive will also attend. Once a week TBD at Noon. Manzanita Seminar Room. Limited Enrollment. Sophomore Priority. One Unit.

AMSTUD 68N. Mark Twain and American Culture. 4 Units.
Preference to freshmen. Mark Twain has been called our Rabelais, our Cervantes, our Homer, our Tolstoy, our Shakespeare. Ernest Hemingway maintained that all modern American literature comes from one book by Mark Twain called 
The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn. President Franklin D.nRoosevelt got the phrase New Deal from 
A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court. Class discussions will focus on how Twain's work illuminates and complicates his society's responses to such issues as race, technology, heredity versus environment, religion, education, and what it means to be American.

AMSTUD 91. Exploring American Religious History. 4 Units.
This course will trace how contemporary beliefs and practices connect to historical trends in the American religious landscape.
Same as: RELIGST 91

AMSTUD 101. American Fiction into Film: How Hollywood Scripts and Projects Black and White Relations. 3-5 Units.
Movies and the fiction that inspires them; power dynamics behind production including historical events, artistic vision, politics, and racial stereotypes. What images of black and white does Hollywood produce to forge a national identity? How do films promote equality between the races? What is lost or gained in film adaptations of books? Limited Enrollment. Instructor's Consent Required. Class meetings held in Manzanita Multipurpose Room.

AMSTUD 103. On the Road: Cars and the Auto-Mobility of Race, Gender, Class, and Age in American Literature. 3-5 Units.
The car in American literature, history, and culture, provides hope and makes it possible to relocate, transcend social status, and reinvent oneself. In this class we will examine how the car allows Americans to navigate identity in new ways. Readings include: Fitzgerald, Stein, Steinbeck, Escovedo-Colton, Nabokov, Barrett, Walker, Murray, Simpson, Wolfe, Kerouac, Davis, Freeman, Gilroy, Lucasi, Hamper, Moore, and Nass.

AMSTUD 105N. Law and Popular Culture. 3 Units.
This seminar focuses on the interface between two important subjects: law and popular culture. Before class, students will see a series of films or television shows relating to law, lawyers, and the legal system. There is also a weekly homework assignment based on materials in the assigned text and the assigned film or TV show. We will discuss the pop culture treatment of subjects such as the adversary system, good and bad lawyers, female and gay lawyers, the work life of lawyers, legal education, ethical issues, the jury system, and criminal and civil justice. The seminar discussions will draw on film theory and film-making technique to deepen understanding of the interrelationship between law and popular culture. The discussions will illuminate the ways in which pop culture products both reflect and change social views about law and lawyers. The assigned text is Michael Asimow & Shannon Mader, "Law and Popular Culture: A Course Book" (Peter Lang 2013).

AMSTUD 107. Introduction to Feminist Studies. 4-5 Units.
Introduction to interdisciplinary approaches to gender, sexuality, queer, trans and feminist studies. Topics include the emergence of sexuality studies in the academy, social justice and new subjects, science and technology, art and activism, history, film and memory, the documentation and performance of difference, and relevant socio-economic and political formations such as work and the family. Students learn to think critically about race, gender, and sexuality from local and global perspectives.
Same as: CSRE 108, FEMGEN 101, TAPS 108
AMSTUD 111. Transnational Reproductive Politics. 3-5 Units.
This course examines the issues and debates surrounding women's reproduction in a transnational framework, including birth control, abortion, surrogacy, prenatal diagnosis, labor and delivery, menstruation, sex trafficking, and the reproductive justice movement. It pays special attention to how knowledge and technology travel across national/cultural borders and how women's reproductive functions are deeply connected to international politics and events abroad.
Same as: FEMGEN 111

AMSTUD 114Q. Visions of the 1960s. 5 Units.
Preference to sophomores. Introduction to the ideas, sensibility, and, to a lesser degree, the politics of the American 60s. Topics: the early 60s vision of a beloved community; varieties of racial, generational, and feminist dissent; the meaning of the counterculture; and current interpretive perspectives on the 60s. Film, music, and articles and books.

AMSTUD 116. American Economic History. 5 Units.
The American economy from colonial times to the present, illustrating the role of history in economic life. Topics: U.S. economic development in global and comparative context; slavery as an economic system; emergence of American technology and business organization; economics of the Great Depression and the New Deal; post-World War II economic performance and social change; globalization, information technology, and inequality.
Prerequisite: I or 1A or IV.
Same as: ECON 116, HISTORY 156

AMSTUD 120. Digital Media in Society. 4-5 Units.
(Graduate students register for 220.) Contemporary debates concerning the social and cultural impact of digital media. Topics include the historical origins of digital media, cultural contexts of their development and use, and influence of digital media on conceptions of self, community, and state.
Priority to Juniors and Seniors.
Same as: COMM 120W, COMM 220

AMSTUD 121. Introduction to American Literature. 3-5 Units.
(English majors and others taking 5 units, register for 121.) An exploration of the diverse political, racial, social, and aesthetic questions which inform works of American literature from the early national period to the late twentieth century.
Same as: ENGLISH 21, ENGLISH 121

AMSTUD 121L. Racial-Ethnic Politics in US. 5 Units.
This course examines various issues surrounding the role of race and ethnicity in the American political system. Specifically, this course will evaluate the development of racial group solidarity and the influence of race on public opinion, political behavior, the media, and in the criminal justice system. We will also examine the politics surrounding the Multiracial Movement and the development of racial identity and political attitudes in the 21st century. Stats 60 or Econ 1 is strongly recommended.
Same as: CSRE 121L, POLISCI 121L, PUBLPOL 121L

AMSTUD 121X. Hip Hop, Youth Identities, and the Politics of Language. 3-4 Units.
Focus is on issues of language, identity, and globalization, with a focus on Hip Hop cultures and the verbal virtuosity within the Hip Hop nation. Beginning with the U.S., a broad, comparative perspective in exploring youth identities and the politics of language in what is now a global Hip Hop movement. Readings draw from the interdisciplinary literature on Hip Hop cultures with a focus on sociolinguistics and youth culture.
Same as: AFRICAAM 121X, ANTHRO 121A, CSRE 121X, EDUC 121X, LINGUIST 155

AMSTUD 121Z. Political Power in American Cities. 5 Units.
The major actors, institutions, processes, and policies of sub-state government in the U.S., emphasizing city general-purpose governments through a comparative examination of historical and contemporary politics. Issues related to federalism, representation, voting, race, poverty, housing, and finances.
Same as: POLISCI 121, PUBLPOL 133, URBANST 111

AMSTUD 123D. American Literature, 1855 to World War I. 5 Units.
A survey of American writers from Whitman to T.S. Eliot, including Emily Dickinson, Mark Twain, Stephen Crane, Frank Norris, Kate Chopin, Theodore Dreiser, and Henry James. Topics include the tension between romance and realism, the impact of naturalism and modernism, as well as race, gender, and the literary evolution of the American language.

AMSTUD 123G. Mark Twain: A Fresh Look at an Icon and Iconoclast, 100 Years After His Death. 3-5 Units.
The vitality and versatility of a writer who has been called America's Rabelais, Cervantes, Homer, Tolstoy, and Shakespeare. Journalism, travel books, fiction, drama, and sketches by Mark Twain; how Twain engaged such issues as personal and national identity, satire and social justice, imperialism, race and racism, gender, performance, travel, and technology. What are Twain's legacies in 2010, the centennial of his death, the 157th anniversary of his birth, and the 125th anniversary of his most celebrated novel? Guests include actor Hal Holbrook.

AMSTUD 124A. The American West. 5 Units.
The American West is characterized by frontier mythology, vast distances, marked aridity, and unique political and economic characteristics. This course integrates several disciplinary perspectives into a comprehensive examination of Western North America: its history, physical geography, climate, literature, art, film, institutions, politics, demography, economy, and continuing policy challenges. Students examine themes fundamental to understanding the region: time, space, water, peoples, and boom and bust cycles.
Same as: ARTHIST 152, ENGLISH 124, HISTORY 151, POLISCI 124A

AMSTUD 132. American Art and Culture, 1528-1910. 4 Units.
The visual arts and literature of the U.S. from the beginnings of European exploration to the Civil War. Focus is on questions of power and its relation to culture from early Spanish exploration to the rise of the middle classes. Cabeza de Vaca, Benjamin Franklin, John Singleton Copley, Phillips Wheatley, Charles Willson Peale, Emerson, Hudson River School, AmericanGenre painters, Melville, Hawthorne and others.
Same as: ARTHIST 132, ARTHIST 332

AMSTUD 134. Museum Cultures: Material Representation in the Past and Present. 5 Units.
Students will open the black box of museums to consider the past and present roles of institutional collections, culminating in a student-curated exhibition. Today, museums assert their relevance as dynamic spaces for debate and learning. Colonialism and restitution, the politics of representation, human/object relationships, and changing frameworks of authority make museum work widely significant and consistently challenging. Through thinking-in-practice, this course reflexively explores issues such as personal and national identity, satire and social justice, imperialism, race and racism, gender, performance, travel, and technology. What are Twain's legacies in 2010, the centennial of his death, the 157th anniversary of his birth, and the 125th anniversary of his most celebrated novel? Guests include actor Hal Holbrook.

Same as: ARCHLGY 134, ARCHLGY 234, ARTHIST 284B, CSRE 134, EDUC 214, NATIVEAM 134
AMSTUD 135. Deliberative Democracy and its Critics. 3-5 Units.
This course examines the theory and practice of deliberative democracy and engages both in a dialogue with critics. In spring quarter 2015, this course will have a special focus on deliberative democracy in the the Greater China region. The course will discuss whether a democracy which emphasizes people thinking and talking together on the basis of good information be made practical in the modern age. What kinds of distortions arise when people try to discuss politics or policy together? The course draws on ideas as well as criticisms from the jury literature, from the psychology of group processes and from the most recent normative and empirical literature on deliberative forums. Case studies from the Deliberative Polling method and other deliberation methods, its applications, defenders and critics, both normative and empirical, will provide a cases studies for discussion. Some course sessions will utilize the case method to examine public consultations, the media, and civil society. Throughout the course, students will address how public participation is currently conducted around the world. As we have all seen successful, but more likely unsuccessful attempts to consult the public and this course will examine the various ways of consulting the public and how governments, media, and the public have responded and used the results.
Same as: COMM 135, COMM 235, COMM 335, POLISCI 234P, POLISCI 334P

AMSTUD 137. The Dialogue of Democracy. 4-5 Units.
All forms of democracy require some kind of communication so people can be aware of issues and make decisions. This course looks at competing visions of what democracy should be and different notions of the role of dialogue in a democracy. Is it just campaigning or does it include deliberation? Small scale discussions or sound bites on television? Or social media? What is the role of technology in changing our democratic practices, to mobilize, to persuade, to solve public problems? This course will include readings from political theory about democratic ideals - from the American founders to J.S. Mill and the Progressives to Joseph Schumpeter and modern writers skeptical of the public will. It will also include contemporary examinations of the media and the internet to see how those practices are changing and how the ideals can or cannot be realized.
Same as: COMM 137W, COMM 237, POLISCI 232T, POLISCI 332T

AMSTUD 139B. American Women Writers, 1850-1920. 5 Units.
The ways in which female writers negotiated a series of literary, social, and intellectual movements, from abolitionism and sentimentalism in the nineteenth century to Progressivism and avant-garde modernism in the twentieth. Authors include Harriet Beecher Stowe, Harriet Jacobs, Rebecca Harding Davis, Emily Dickinson, Kate Chopin, Edith Wharton, Gertrude Stein, Willa Cather, and Charlotte Perkins Gilman.

AMSTUD 140. Stand Up Comedy and the "Great American Joke" Since 1945. 5 Units.
Development of American Stand Up Comedy in the context of social and cultural eruptions after 1945, including the Borscht Belt, the Chitlin' Circuit, the Cold War, censorship battles, Civil Rights and other social movements of the 60s and beyond. The artistry of stories, monologues, jokes, impersonations, persona, social satire, scatology, obscenity, riff's, rants, shtick, and more by such artists as Lenny Bruce, Dick Gregory, Richard Pryor, George Carlin, Margaret Cho, Sarah Silverman, Jon Stewart, Stephen Colbert, as well as precursors such as Mark Twain, minstrelsy and vaudeville and related films, TV shows, poems and other manifestations of similar sensibilities and techniques.
Same as: CSRE 140C

AMSTUD 142. The Literature of the Americas. 5 Units.
A wide-ranging overview of the literatures of the Americas in incomparative perspective, emphasizing continuities and crises that are common to North American, Central American, and South American literatures as well as the distinctive national and cultural elements of a diverse array of primary works. Topics include the definitions of such concepts as empire and colonialism, the encounters between worldviews of European and indigenous peoples, the emergence of creole and racially mixed populations, slavery, the New World voice, myths of America as paradise or utopia, the coming of modernism, twentieth-century avant-gardes, and distinctive modern episodes--the Harlem Renaissance, the Beats, magic realism, Noigandres--in unaccustomed conversation with each other.
Same as: COMPLIT 142, CSRE 142, ENGLISH 172E

AMSTUD 143. Introduction to African American Literature. 3-5 Units.
(English majors and others taking 5 units, register for 143.) African American literature from its earliest manifestations in the spirituals, trickster tales, and slave narratives to recent developments such as black feminist theory, postmodern fiction, and hip hop lyricism. We will engage some of the defining debates and phenomena within African American cultural history, including the status of realist aesthetics in black writing; the contested role of literature in black political struggle; the question of diaspora; the problem of intra-racial racism; and the emergence of black internationalism. Attuned to the invariably hybrid nature of this tradition, we will also devote attention to the discourse of the Enlightenment, modernist aesthetics, and the role of Marxism in black political and literary history.
Same as: AFRICAAM 43, ENGLISH 43, ENGLISH 143

AMSTUD 145M. Culture Wars: Art and Social Conflict in the USA, 1890-1950. 4 Units.
This course examines social conflicts and political controversies in American culture through the lens of visual art and photography. We consider how visual images both reflect and participate in the social and political life of the nation and how the terms of citizenship have been represented; and, at times, contested by artists throughout the first half of the 20th century. The class explores the relation between American art and the body politic by focusing on issues of poverty, war, censorship, consumerism, class identity, and racial division.
Same as: ARTHIST 145, ARTHIST 345, FEMGEN 145

AMSTUD 146. Asian American Culture and Community. 3-5 Units.
This course introduces students to the histories of Asians in America, specifically as these histories are part of a broader Asia-US-Pacific history that characterized the 20th century and now the 21st. We will combine readings in history, literature, sociology, with community-based learning. The course takes place over two quarters. The first quarter focuses on gaining knowledge of Asian America and discussion key topics that students wish to focus on collaboratively. During this first quarter we also learn about community-based learning, set up teams and projects, and develop relationships with community organizations. The second quarter students work with student liaisons (senior students who have experience in service learning) and complete their work with the community. Students will engage the community one by one and develop real world projects. Service Learning Course (certified by Haas Center). Course can be repeated once.
Same as: ASIANAM 146S, COMPLIT 146, CSRE 146S

AMSTUD 146C. Hemingway, Hurston, Faulkner, and Fitzgerald. 5 Units.
While Hemingway and Fitzgerald were flirting with the expatriate avant-garde in Europe, Hurston and Faulkner were performing anthropological field-work in the local cultures of the American South. Focus on the tremendously diverse world of concerns and styles of four writers who marked America's coming-of-age as a literary nation with their multifarious experiments in representing the regional and the global, the racial and the cosmopolitan, the macho and the feminist, the decadent and the impoverished.
Same as: ENGLISH 146C
AMSTUD 147J. Studies in Music, Media, and Popular Culture: The Soul Tradition in African American Music. 3-4 Units.
The African American tradition of soul music from its origins in blues, gospel, and jazz to its influence on today's R&B, hip hop, and dance music. Style such as rhythm and blues, Motown, Southern soul, funk, Philadelphia soul, disco, Chicago house, Detroit techno, trip hop, and neo-soul. Soul's cultural influence and global reach; its interaction with politics, gender, place, technology, and the economy. Pre-/co-requisite (for music majors): MUSIC 22. (WIM at 4 units only.).
Same as: AFRICAAM 19, CSRE 147J, MUSIC 147J, MUSIC 247J

AMSTUD 150. American Literature and Culture to 1855. 3-5 Units.
(English majors and others taking 5 units, register for ENGLISH 123 or AMSTUD 150). A survey of early American writings, including sermons, poetry, captivity and slave narratives, essays, autobiography, and fiction, from the colonial era to the eve of the Civil War.
Same as: ENGLISH 23, ENGLISH 123

AMSTUD 150A. Colonial and Revolutionary America. 5 Units.
(Same as HISTORY 50A. History majors and others taking 5 units, register for HISTORY 150A.) Survey of the origins of American society and polity in the 17th and 18th centuries. Topics: the migration of Europeans and Africans and the impact on native populations; the emergence of racial slavery and of regional, provincial, Protestant cultures; and the political origins and constitutional consequences of the American Revolution.
Same as: HISTORY 150A

AMSTUD 150B. 19th-Century America. 5 Units.
(Same as HISTORY 50B. History majors and others taking 5 units, register for HISTORY 150B.) Territorial expansion, social change, and economic transformation. The causes and consequences of the Civil War. Topics include: urbanization and the market revolution; slavery and the Old South; sectional conflict; successes and failures of Reconstruction; and late 19th-century society and culture.
Same as: AFRICAAM 150B, HISTORY 150B

AMSTUD 150C. The United States in the Twentieth Century. 5 Units.
(Same as HISTORY 50C. History majors and others taking 5 units, register for HISTORY 150C.) Major political, economic, social, and diplomatic developments in the U.S. Themes: the economic and social role of government (Progressive, New Deal, Great Society, and Reagan-Bush eras); ethnic and racial minorities in society (mass immigration at the turn of the century and since 1965, the civil rights era of the 50s and 60s); the changing status of women since WW II; shifting ideological bases, institutional structures, and electoral characteristics of the political system (New Deal and post-Vietnam); determinants of foreign policy in WW I and II, and the Cold War.
Same as: HISTORY 150C

AMSTUD 150X. From Gold Rush to Google Bus: History of San Francisco. 5 Units.
This class will examine the history of San Francisco from Native American and colonial settlement through the present. Focus is on social, environmental, and political history, with the theme of power in the city. Topics include Indians and Spanish settlers, the Gold Rush, immigration and nativism, earthquake and fire, progressive reform and unionism, gender, race and civil rights, sexuality and politics, redevelopment and gentrification.
Same as: HISTORY 152E, URBANST 150

AMSTUD 151H. ID21 STRATLAB: Interdisciplinary Approaches to Improvising Identities. 4-5 Units.
A quarter-long exploration of improvisation in relationship to identity and race in the 21st century in which students investigate new dynamics of doing and thinking identities through the arts. Panel discussions, performances, and talks that engage critically with the theme, concept, and practice of improvising identity across a variety of contexts and genres such as jazz music, modern dance, contemporary art, race comedy, food, and hip-hop poetry/ freestyle. Strategies that artists/scholars have used to overturn essentializing notions of identity in theory and practice.
Same as: CSRE 151H, DANCE 151H, DANCE 251H, TAPS 151H, TAPS 351H

AMSTUD 152A. "Mutually Assured Destruction": American Culture and the Cold War. 5 Units.
The temperature of the early Cold War years via readings of Soviet and U.S. propaganda; documentary film and film noir; fiction by Bellow, Ellison, O'hiquest;Connor, and Mailer; social theory by Arendt, the New York Intellectuals, and the Frankfurt School; and political texts such as Kennan's Sources of Soviet Conduct, the iquest;Truman Doctrineiquest; speech, and the National Security Council Report 68. Major themes include the discourse of totalitarianism, MacCarthyism, strategies of containment, the nuclear threat, the figure of the iquest;outsideriquest; and the counterculture, and the cultural shift from sociological to psychological idioms.

AMSTUD 152C. The JFK Era and American Literature. 5 Units.
Few U.S. presidents have exerted so great a fascination on the national and global post-World War II imagination as John F. Kennedy. As the 2013's semi-centennial anniversary of Kennedy's assassination attests, the production of films, television and multimedia programs, biographies, conspiracy theories, academic studies, and literary texts about the iconic JFK and his fabled, thousand-day presidency continues unabated. In this course, we will explore the attention Kennedy has drawn from writers and filmmakers like Norman Mailer, Lorraine Hansberry, Don DeLillo, Oliver Stone, Mario Vargas Llosa, and Stephen King.
Same as: ENGLISH 152C

AMSTUD 152G. Harlem Renaissance. 5 Units.
Examination of the explosion of African American artistic expression during 1920s and 30s New York known as the Harlem Renaissance. Amiri Baraka once referred to the Renaissance as a kind of "vicious Modernism", as a "BangClash", that impacted and was impacted by political, cultural and aesthetic changes not only in the U.S. but Europe, the Caribbean and Latin America. Focus on the literature, graphic arts, and the music of the era in this global context.
Same as: AFRICAAM 152G, ENGLISH 152G

AMSTUD 152K. Mixed-Race Politics and Culture. 5 Units.
Today, almost one-third of Americans identify with a racial/ethnic minority group, and more than 9 million Americans identify with multiple races. What are the implications of such diversity for American politics and culture? This course approaches issues of race from an inter disciplinary perspective, employing research in the social sciences and humanities to assess how race shapes perceptions of identity as well as political behavior in 21st-century U.S. Issues surrounding the role of multiculturalism, immigration, acculturation, racial representation, and racial prejudice in American society. Topics include the political and social formation of race; racial representation in the media, arts, and popular culture; the rise and decline of the "one-drop rule" and its effect on political and cultural attachments; the politicization of census categories and the rise of the multiracial movement.
Same as: AFRICAAM 226, CSRE 152K, ENGLISH 152K
AMSTUD 154. American Intellectual and Cultural History to the Civil War. 5 Units.
(Same as HISTORY 54. History majors and others taking 5 units, register for 154.) How Americans considered problems such as slavery, imperialism, and sectionalism. Topics include: the political legacies of revolution; biological ideas of race; the Second Great Awakening; science before Darwin; reform movements and utopianism; the rise of abolitionism and prosleytization thought; phrenology and theories of human sexuality; and varieties of feminism. Sources include texts and images.
Same as: HISTORY 154

AMSTUD 154X. The American Civil War: A Visual History. 4 Units.
A painting of men charging across a field, a photograph of dead bodies in a ditch, a fragment of metal, a sliver of bone, and a brass button: how do we make sense of the visual record of the American Civil War (1861-65)? From the Capitol Dome to a skeleton dug up in a highway project a hundred years after the last battle, the course will consider the strange and scattered remnants of a famous era. Drawing on the poetry of Walt Whitman, Emily Dickinson, and Herman Melville, the paintings of Winslow Homer, the photographs of Alexander Gardner, and the oratory of Abraham Lincoln, the course will examine what cannot be portrayed: the trauma of war.
Same as: ARTHIST 155C, ARTHIST 359

AMSTUD 155C. Abstract Expressionism: Painting/Modern America. 4 Units.
The course will focus on American abstract painting from the 1930s to the 1960s, emphasizing the works of art at the Anderson Collection at Stanford. We will focus on looking closely at pictures by Jackson Pollock, Mark Rothko, Willem de Kooning, and other renowned abstract painters, developing skills of speaking and writing about these works of art. We will also place these pictures in their mid-20th century context: World War II and the Cold War; Hollywood and popular culture generally; Beat literature; and locations such as New York and San Francisco.
Same as: ARTHIST 155C

AMSTUD 156H. Women and Medicine in US History: Women as Patients, Healers and Doctors. 5 Units.
Women's bodies in sickness and health, and encounters with lay and professional healers from the 18th century to the present. Historical construction of thought about women's bodies and physical limitations; sexuality; birth control and abortion; childbirth; adulthood; and menopause and aging. Women as healers, including midwives, lay physicians, the medical profession, and nursing.
Same as: FEMGEN 156H, HISTORY 156G

AMSTUD 157. The Constitution: A Brief History. 5 Units.
a broad survey of the Constitution, from its Revolutionary origins to the contemporary disputes over interpretation. Topics include the invention of the written constitution and interpretative canons; the origins of judicial review; the Civil War and Reconstruction as constitutional crises; the era of substantive due process; the rights revolution; and the Constitution in wartime.
Same as: HISTORY 157, POLISCI 128S

AMSTUD 157P. Allyship: Challenging Privilege and Doing Solidarity in Movements for Collective Liberation. 2-4 Units.
Many activists in the racial justice, immigrant, indigenous, feminist, and LGBTQ movements, are committed to principles of leadership by frontline communities - their goal is to build power in communities that are disempowered by dominant institutions and practices. This makes for complicated relationships with those that are not part of those frontline communities but recognize that their own silence makes them complicit in systems of oppression. In this course, we will examine how power and privilege can undermine attempts to collaborate in social justice work, and then explore principles and practices of solidarity and allyship that attempt to overcome these challenges. We will discuss texts on white privilege and anti-racism as our primary point of reference, but will connect to other kinds of ally work and movements for collective liberation. As a community-engaged learning course, students will work with community partners to establish long-term relationships based in solidarity. Students are encouraged to work with movements and organizations with whom they already have relationships (e.g., through student-activism). Throughout the quarter, we will have guest lectures and workshops with community partners and movement strategy organizations.
Same as: AFRICAAM 157P, CSRE 157P, FEMGEN 157P

AMSTUD 157X. Language as Social and Political Activism: Feminist and LGBTQ Social and Political Movements. 3-5 Units.
How does a social or political movement gain traction? For example, how did 20th-century movements of the disenfranchised, such as the Civil Rights movement or Women's Suffrage, gain a voice an eventually enact change? In the mediasecape of today, where everyone with access to a computer has voice, how does a movement like Occupy Wall Street change the national conversation? How do written and verbal choices of the movements impact their success? In this course, students will write and revise their own arguments in order to best understand the writing in these movements and to best produce future work for social change. We will examine the role of rhetoric; the use of argument to persuade; and the movements working toward social justice.
Same as: FEMGEN 157, FEMGEN 257

AMSTUD 159X. American Photographs, 1839-1971: A Cultural History. 4 Units.
This course concentrates on many important American photographers, from the era of daguerreotypes to near the end of the pre-digital era. We study photographs of the Civil War, western exploration, artistic subjects, urban and rural poverty, skyscrapers, crime, fashion, national parks, and social protest, among other topics. Among the photographers we study: Carleton Watkins, Eadweard Muybridge, Walker Evans, Dorothea Lange, Garry Winogrand, and Diane Arbus. Emphasis on developing students' abilities to discuss and write about photography; to see it.
Same as: ARTHIST 159, ARTHIST 359

AMSTUD 160. Perspectives on American Identity. 5 Units.

AMSTUD 161. Women in Modern America. 4-5 Units.
This course explores the transition from Victorian to modern womanhood in the U.S. from the 1890s to the end of the 20th century, including the experiences of Native, European, African, Mexican, and Asian American women. It asks how, when, and why the majority of American women become wage earners, gained full citizenship, and enacted political opportunities; how race- and class-specific ideals of womanhood changed in popular culture; and how women have redefined their reproductive and sexual relations.
Same as: CSRE 162, FEMGEN 161, HISTORY 161
AMSTUD 164C. From Freedom to Freedom Now: African American History, 1865-1965. 5 Units.
(Same as HISTORY 64C. History majors and others taking 5 units, register for 164C.) Explores the working lives, social worlds, political ideologies and cultural expressions of African Americans from emancipation to the early civil rights era. Topics include: the transition from slavery to freedom, family life, work, culture, leisure patterns, resistance, migration and social activism. Draws largely on primary sources including autobiographies, memoirs, letters, personal journals, newspaper articles, pamphlets, speeches, literature, film and music.
Same as: HISTORY 164C

AMSTUD 165. History of Higher Education in the U.S., 3-5 Units.
Major periods of evolution, particularly since the mid-19th century. Premise: insights into contemporary higher education can be obtained through its antecedents, particularly regarding issues of governance, mission, access, curriculum, and the changing organization of colleges and universities.
Same as: EDUC 165, EDUC 265, HISTORY 158C

AMSTUD 166. Introduction to African American History - the Modern Freedom Struggle. 3-5 Units.
(AFRICAAM-166/AMSTUD-166/HISTORY-166) This course focuses on African-American political movements of the period after 1930, with special emphasis on the contributions of grassroots activists and visionary leaders such as W. E. B. Du Bois, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Malcolm X. The lectures will utilize audio-visual materials extensively, and the exams will cover these materials as well as the content of traditional lectures. Students are encouraged to undertake research projects utilizing the unique resources of the King Research and Education Institute.
Same as: AFRICAAM 166, HISTORY 166

AMSTUD 178. Ethnicity and Dissent in United States Art and Literature. 4 Units.
The role of the visual arts of the U.S. in the construction and contesting of racial, class, and gender hierarchies. Focus is on artists and writers from the 18th century to 1990s. How power, domination, and resistance work historically. Topics include: minstrelsy and the invention of race; mass culture and postmodernity; hegemony and language; memory and desire; and the borderlands.
Same as: ARTHIST 178, ARTHIST 378

AMSTUD 179. Introduction to American Law. 3-5 Units.
For undergraduates. The structure of the American legal system including the courts; American legal culture; the legal profession and its social role; the scope and reach of the legal system; the background and impact of legal regulation; criminal justice; civil rights and civil liberties; and the relationship between the American legal system and American society in general.
Same as: POLISCI 122, PUBLPOL 302A

AMSTUD 183. Re-Imagining American Borders. 5 Units.
How novelists, filmmakers, and poets perceive racial, ethnic, gender, sexual preference, and class borders in the context of a national discussion about the place of Americans in the world. How Anna Deavere Smith, Sherman Alexie, or Michael Moore consider redrawing such lines so that center and margin, or self and other, do not remain fixed and divided. How linguistic borderlines within multilingual literature by Caribbean, Arab, and Asian Americans function. Can Anzaldúa’s conception of borderlands be constructed through the matrix of language, dreams, music, and cultural memories in these American narratives? Course includes examining one’s own identity.
Same as: CSRE 183, FEMGEN 183

AMSTUD 185. American Studies Internship. 1-3 Unit.
Restricted to declared majors. Practical experience working in a field related to American Studies for six to ten weeks. Students make internship arrangements with a company or agency, under the guidance of a sponsoring faculty member, and with the consent of the director or a program coordinator of American Studies. Required paper focused on a topic related to the internship and the student’s studies. May be repeated for credit.

AMSTUD 186. Tales of Three Cities: New York, Chicago, Los Angeles. 5 Units.
How urban form and experience shape literary texts and how literary texts participate in the creation of place, through the literature of three American cities as they ascended to cultural and iconographical prominence: New York in the early to mid 19th century; Chicago in the late 19th and early 20th centuries; and Los Angeles in the mid to late 20th century.
Same as: ENGLISH 186

AMSTUD 186A. American Hauntings. 5 Units.
Cultural, psychological, social, and political dynamics of haunting in American literature, from the early national period to the late 20th century. Sources include ghost stories and other instances of supernatural, emotional, or mental intervention. Authors include Charles Brockden Brown, Washington Irving, Edgar Allan Poe, Nathaniel Hawthorne, Louisa May Alcott, Charlotte Perkins Gilman, Charles Chesnutt, Henry James, Edith Wharton, Toni Morrison, and Stephen King.

AMSTUD 186B. American Song in the 20th Century and after. 3-4 Units.
Critical and creative exploration of song in the Americas. About twenty-five key examples will guide discussion of the interactions between words, music, performance and culture. Weekly listening, reading and assignments will be organized around central themes: love, sex and romance; war and politics; labor and money; place; identity; society and everyday life. Genres include art song; blues, gospel, jazz and country; pop, soul, rock and hip-hop; bossa nova, nueva canción and salsa; electronic and experimental. Takehome and in-class assignments will include critical and creative writing, and music composition, production and performance; final projects may emphasize any of the above.
Same as: MUSIC 186B, MUSIC 286B

AMSTUD 195. Individual Work. 1-5 Unit.

AMSTUD 201. History of Education in the United States. 3-5 Units.
How education came to its current forms and functions, from the colonial experience to the present. Focus is on the 19th-century invention of the common school system, 20th-century emergence of progressive education reform, and the developments since WW II. The role of gender and race, the development of the high school and university, and school organization, curriculum, and teaching.
Same as: EDUC 201, HISTORY 158B

AMSTUD 214. The American 1960s: Thought, Protest, and Culture. 5 Units.
The meaning of the American 60s emphasizing ideas, culture, protest, and the new sensibility that emerged. Topics: black protest, the new left, the counterculture, feminism, the new literature and journalism of the 60s, the role of the media in shaping dissent, and the legacy of 60s protest. Interpretive materials from film, music, articles, and books.

AMSTUD 226. Race and Racism in American Politics. 5 Units.
Topics include the historical conceptualization of race; whether and how racial animus reveals itself and the forms it might take; its role in the creation and maintenance of economic stratification; its effect on contemporary U.S. partisan and electoral politics; and policy making consequences.
Same as: CSRE 226, POLISCI 226, POLISCI 326
AMSTUD 226X. Curating Experience: Representation in and beyond Museums. 2-4 Units.
In an age when some 50% of museum visitors only "visit" museums online and when digital technologies have broken open archival access, anyone can be a curator, a critic, an historian, an archivist. In this context, how do museums create experiences that teach visitors about who they are and about the world around them? What are the politics of representation that shape learning in these environments? Using an experimental instructional approach, students will reconsider and redefine what it means to curate experience.
Same as: CSRE 226X, EDUC 226X

AMSTUD 231X. Knowing God: Learning Religion in Popular Culture. 4 Units.
This course will examine how people learn religion outside of school, and in conversation with popular cultural texts and practices. Taking a broad social-constructivist approach to the variety of ways people learn, this course will explore how people assemble ideas about faith, identity, community, and practice, and how those ideas inform individual, communal and global notions of religion. Much of this work takes place in formal educational environments including missionary and parochial schools, Muslim madrasas or Jewish yeshivot. However, even more takes place outside of school, as people develop skills and strategies in conversation with broader social trends. This course takes an interdisciplinary approach to questions that lie at the intersection of religion, popular culture, and education.
Same as: EDUC 231X, JEWISHST 291X, RELIGST 231X

AMSTUD 240A. Pre-Honors Seminar. 1-5 Unit.
Methods, interpretations, and issues pertinent to honors work in American Studies. Open to juniors interested in honors.

AMSTUD 244. The Visual Culture of the American Home Front, 1941-1945. 5 Units.
How does home front of WWII look now? What sort of meanings appear with the vantage of more than sixty years' distance? Examining Hollywood films from those years -films made during the war but mostly not directly about the war - the seminar focuses on developing students' abilities to write emotion-based criticism and history. Weekly short papers, each one in response to a film screening, are required. Among the films screened: Shadow of a Doubt, Gaslight, I Walked with a Zombie, The Best Years of Our Lives.
Same as: ARTHIST 244

AMSTUD 246B. Pop Art. 5 Units.
A new course on the history and meaning of Pop art in the United States and abroad. The course will feature close study of paintings, photographs, and prints at the Cantor Art Center. The course will be given in the Denning Family Resource Room, located in The Anderson Collection building. If you have any questions regarding the location, please contact Linda Esquivel at lindae@stanford.edu.
Same as: ARTHIST 246B

AMSTUD 250. Senior Research. 1-15 Unit.
Research and writing of senior honors thesis under the supervision of a faculty member. The final grade for the thesis is assigned by the chair based on the evaluations of the primary thesis adviser and a second reader appointed by the program. Prerequisite: consent of chair.

AMSTUD 256. America-China Relations. 4-5 Units.
The history of turbulent relations, military conflict, and cultural clashes between the U.S. and China, and the implications for the domestic lives of these increasingly interconnected countries. Diplomatic, political, social, cultural, and military themes from early contact to the recent past.
Same as: HISTORY 256, HISTORY 356

AMSTUD 257. Journalism and Imaginative Writing in America. 5 Units.
Walt Whitman spent twenty-five years as a journalist before publishing his first book of poems. Mark Twain was a journalist for twenty years before publishing his first novel. Topics include examination of how writers such as Mark Twain, Fanny Fern, Twain, Pauline Hopkins, Theodore Dreiser, Charlotte Perkins Gilman, Ernest Hemingway, Meridel LeSueur.
Same as: COMM 278

AMSTUD 258. Topics in the History of Sexuality: Sexual Violence in America. 4-5 Units.
This undergraduate/graduate colloquium explores recent historical interpretations of the history of sexuality, with a focus on sexual violence. The readings cover changing definitions and laws, cultural representations, and the role of gender, race, and age in the construction of rape and other forms of sexual violence. Topics include slavery; incest, seduction, and statutory rape reform; the racialization of rape and the anti-lynching movement; street harassment; men and boys as victims; war and conquest; and feminist responses to rape.
Same as: CSRE 192E, FEMGEN 258, FEMGEN 358, HISTORY 258, HISTORY 358

AMSTUD 260. Disability, Gender, & Identity. 5 Units.
Course explores visible and invisible disabilities, focusing on issues of gender and identity. The course emphasizes psychological as well as physical health, cross-cultural variables, diversity of disability experiences, legal and political aspects, work and home accommodations, self-labeling, caretaking, stigma and passing, and the difference gender makes to how disabilities are experienced. Disabilities covered include blindness, multiple sclerosis, diabetes, arthritis, emotional and learning disabilities, and conditions requiring wheelchairs and other forms of physical assistance.
Same as: FEMGEN 260, FEMGEN 360, HUMBIO 141

AMSTUD 261A. Geography, Time, and Trauma in Asian American Literature. 5 Units.
The notion that homes can be stable locations for cultural, racial, ethnic, and similarly situated identity categories. The possibility that there really is no place like home for Asian American subjects. How geography, landscape, and time situate traumas within fictional Asian American narratives.
Same as: ASIANST 187

AMSTUD 261E. Mixed Race Literature in the U.S. and South Africa. 5 Units.
As scholar Werner Sollors recently suggested, novels, poems, stories about interracial contacts and mixed race constitute questions about the belonging to no clear ethnic or national tradition for those who are not so defined; even in our U.S. post-Civil Rights and South Africa post-Apartheid era. This course examines aesthetic engagements with mixed race politics in these trans- and post-national dialogues, beginning in the 1700s and focusing on the 20th and 21st centuries.
Same as: ASIANST 261E

AMSTUD 262C. African American Literature and the Retreat of Jim Crow. 5 Units.
After the unprecedented carnage of WWII, the postwar era witnessed the slow decline of the segregated Jim Crow order and the onset of landmark civil rights legislation. What role did African American literature and culture play in this historical process? What does this shift in racial theory and praxis mean for black literary production, a tradition constituted by the experience of slavery and racial oppression? Focus on these questions against the backdrop of contemporaneous developments: the onset of the Cold War, decolonization and the formation of the Third World, and the emergence of the "new liberalism."

AMSTUD 262D. African American Poetics. 5 Units.
Examination of African American poetic expressive forms from the 1700s to the 2000s, considering the central role of the genre--from sonnets to spoken word, from blues poetry to new media performance--in defining an evolving literary tradition and cultural identity.
Same as: AFRICAAM 262D

AMSTUD 265. Writing Asian American History. 5 Units.
Recent scholarship in Asian American history, with attention to methodologies and sources. Topics: racial ideologies, gender, transnationalism, culture, and Asian American art history. Primary research paper.
Same as: ASNAMST 265, HISTORY 265, HISTORY 365

AMSTUD 267E. Martin Luther King, Jr. - His Life, Ideas, and Legacy. 4-5 Units.
Using the unique documentary resources and publications of Stanford's King Research and Education Institute, this course will provide a general introduction to King's life, visionary ideas, and historical significance. In addition to lectures and discussions, the course will include presentations of documentaries such as Eyes on the Prize. Students will be expected to read the required texts, participate in class discussions, and submit a research paper or an audio-visual project developed in consultation with the professor.
Same as: AFRICAAM 267E, HISTORY 267E

AMSTUD 271. Mexicans in the United States. 5 Units.
This course explores the lives and experiences of Mexicans living in the United States, from 1848 to the present. Themes and topics include: the legacies of colonialism, the Mexican-American War, transnational migration, the effects of economic stratification, race and racialization, and the impact of sexual and gender ideologies on the lives of Mexicans residing north of the border.
Same as: CHILATST 171, CSRE 171H, HISTORY 271

AMSTUD 272E. Theories of Citizenship and Sovereignty in a Transnational Context. 4-5 Units.
This course explores the multiple meanings of citizenship and the ways in which they change when examined using different geographic scales (from the local to the transnational). The course will pair theoretical readings on citizenship with case studies that focus on North America. Topics include: definitions of citizenship; the interrelation of ideas of citizenship with those of race, ethnicity, gender, and sexuality; the relationship between sovereignty and territoriality; human and civil rights; and immigration.
Same as: CHILATST 172, CSRE 172H, FEMGEN 272E, HISTORY 272E, HISTORY 372E

AMSTUD 275R. Roads Not Taken, 1880-1960. 4 Units.
This course is intended to illuminate ideas about justice, freedom, equality, democracy, peace, and social conflict, and to raise persisting questions about such topics as the role of violence in politics through looking at the ideas of America writers such as Edward Bellamy, W.E.B. DuBois, Eugene Debs, Jane Addams, Emma Goldman, John Dewey and Reinhold Niebuhr.
Same as: ETHICSOC 275R, PHIL 275R, POLISCI 335L

AMSTUD 279X. American Jewish History: Learning to be Jewish in America. 2-4 Units.
This course will be a seminar in American Jewish History through the lens of education. It will address both the relationship between Jews and American educational systems, as well as the history of Jewish education in America. Plotting the course along these two axes will provide a productive matrix for a focused examination of the American Jewish experience.
History students must take course for at least 3 units.
Same as: EDUC 279X, HISTORY 288D, JEWISHST 297X, RELIGST 279X

AMSTUD 281. Asian Religions in America; Asian American Religions. 4 Units.
This course will analyze both the reception in America of Asian religions (i.e. of Buddhism in the 19th century), and the development in America of Asian American religious traditions.
Same as: ASNAMST 281, RELIGST 281, RELIGST 381