

Northwestern | American Studies

AMERICAN STUDIES MAJOR APPLICATION

SPRING 2025 **Deadline: April 6, 2025**

Applications should be submitted by email as a single PDF document to amst@northwestern.edu. Students will be notified of decisions by the end of April 2025.

Name: _____ ID: _____ Class: _____

Email: _____ School: _____

Major(s): _____ Minor(s): _____

Campus address: _____

Permanent address: _____

Cell: _____ Perm phone: _____

How did you find out about the American Studies Program? _____

Are you planning to study abroad? _____ If so, where? _____ Which term(s)? _____

Have you taken **HISTORY 210-1?** _____ If so, with whom? _____ Which term? _____

Have you taken **HISTORY 210-2?** _____ If so, with whom? _____ Which term? _____

AP US History? _____

Have you taken **ENGLISH 270-1?** _____ If so, with whom? _____ Which term? _____

Have you taken **ENGLISH 270-2?** _____ If so, with whom? _____ Which term? _____

Have you taken an **AFAM Studies** course? _____ If so, with whom? _____

Course number and title: _____ Which term(s)? _____

Have you taken an **ASAM Studies** course? _____ If so, with whom? _____

Course number and title: _____ Which term(s)? _____

Have you taken an **Latino/a Studies** course? _____ If so, with whom? _____

Course number and title: _____ Which term(s)? _____

Are you planning to write: Two separate honors projects? _____ If so, with which department? _____

Are you planning to write: Honors in Interdisciplinary Studies? _____ If so, with which department? _____

Are you able to meet the requirements for the AMST major before graduation? _____

Please answer the following on a separate page:

1. Please list the names of one or more instructors in discussion-style classes or sections who are familiar with your work (list only the ones you think know you best). Current first-years: please include the topic of your first-year seminar and the instructor's name:
2. Is there any other information you would like the selection committee to know?
3. **Research Interests:** The American Studies Senior Project Seminar is a required capstone 2-quarter sequence in which students conduct original research, usually but not always in the form of a thesis. Students should keep an open mind about topics, but if you have an idea about a topic or methodology, please describe.

Essay Questions (approximately 300-500 words)

- A. The American Studies major gives students freedom to select courses from across the University that address a central intellectual topic or theme that is comparativist between American ethnic/racial/social communities OR transnational in focus. Most students change their theme during their years in the program as their interests and knowledge grow, but they enter with an intellectual interest they wish to pursue. What possible topic(s) or theme(s) currently most interest you? Why? Please point out the basis of this interest, i.e., how and where it began and what you have done to date to pursue it.
- B. The American Studies Program asks its students to reflect on what they read, see, and experience. Is there something that you have read, seen, or experienced (e.g., a book or article, a play or film, a trip or other event) since you arrived in college that in some important way or ways has influenced how you think or your understanding of America's place in the world? Please identify this something and explain why and how it has influenced you or why you found it interesting.

Please submit by April 6, 2025 the following:

- (1) this form;
- (2) a writing sample from any course at Northwestern;
- (3) the brief answers to essay questions; and
- (4) an unofficial transcript.

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