

# Northwestern | American Studies

## AMERICAN STUDIES MAJOR APPLICATION | SPRING 2021

**Deadline: March 30, 2021**

Applications should be submitted by email as a single PDF document to [amst@northwestern.edu](mailto:amst@northwestern.edu).  
Students will be notified of decisions by the end of April 2021.

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 **March 30, 2021** 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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