HUMANITIES & AMERICAN STUDIES (HUM/AMS)

The Department of Humanities and American Studies offers students a choice of two undergraduate degrees, one in Humanities and one in American Studies. Students may also minor in each area. For more specific details, students are advised to consult the description of each specific program below.

HUMANITIES (HUM)

The Humanities Program offers an interdisciplinary curriculum that investigates the visual arts, music, literature, and the cultures from which they emerge.

Requirements for the Major in Humanities

Recommended Prerequisites (State Mandated Common Prerequisites)

Students wishing to transfer to USF should complete the A.A. degree at the community college. Some courses required for the major may also meet General Education Requirements thereby transferring maximum hours to the university. If students transfer with fewer than 60 semester hours of acceptable credit, the students must meet the university’s entering freshman requirements including ACT or SAT test scores, GPA, and course requirements.

There are no State Mandated Common Prerequisites for this degree program.

The transfer student should also be aware of the immunization, foreign language, and continuous enrollment policies of the university.

Students are encouraged to complete the following major, support, or elective courses, if available, during the program of study at the community college, and when feasible in General Education/Gordon Rule courses. Unless stated otherwise, a grade of "C" is the minimum acceptable grade.

1. One 2000-level survey course, either AMH 2020 (Twentieth-Century American Culture), AMS 2212 (Nineteenth-Century American Culture), or AMH 2270 (Twentieth-Century American Culture). 3 credits.
2. AMS 2030 (Introduction to American Studies). 3 credits.
3. One additional 3000-level period course (e.g. AMS 3230, AMH 3001, AMS 3260). 4 credits.
4. AMS 4804 (Major Ideas in America). 3 credits.
5. One 4000-level Research Seminar (AMS 4935 or AMS 4936). 4 credits.
6. 9-10 additional credit hours of supporting courses to be chosen in consultation with the undergraduate advisor.

Requirements for the Minor in Humanities

The curriculum for the Humanities minor is comparable to that of the program for the B.A. degree, but it is less comprehensive. Course requirements are as follows:

1. Eighteen semester hours of Humanities courses.
2. Not over eight of these eighteen hours may be taken below the 3000 level.

AMERICAN STUDIES (AMS)

The American Studies major is designed for students who seek to understand the cultural patterns, beliefs and values that have unified and sometimes divided Americans. American Studies is an interdisciplinary program that emphasizes the diversity of American people and institutions; the importance of gender, race, ethnicity and social class; the material and technological foundations of American society; the development of distinctive regions within the United States; and creative expression in art, architecture, film, literature, music and photography.

Requirements for the Major in American Studies

Recommended Prerequisites (State Mandated Common Prerequisites)

Students wishing to transfer to USF should complete the A.A. degree at the community college. Some courses required for the major may also meet General Education Requirements thereby transferring maximum hours to the university. If students transfer with fewer than 60 semester hours of acceptable credit, the students must meet the university’s entering freshman requirements including ACT or SAT test scores, GPA, and course requirements.

There are no State Mandated Common Prerequisites for this degree program.

The transfer student should also be aware of the immunization, foreign language, and continuous enrollment policies of the university.

Students are encouraged to complete the following major, support, or elective courses if available, during the program of study at the community college, and when feasible in General Education/Gordon Rule courses. Unless stated otherwise, a grade of "C" is the minimum acceptable grade.

1. Eighteen semester hours of Humanities courses.
2. AMS 2030 (Introduction to American Studies). 3 credits.
3. 19 credits of upper-level Humanities courses (3000 or 4000 level)
4. AMS 3210, AMS 3601, AMS 4152, PGY 3000). 3 or 4 credits.
5. AMS 4935 (Seminar in Humanities), four credit hours. AMS 4936). 4 credits.
6. 6 additional AMS credit hours.
7. 6 additional credit hours of supporting courses to be chosen in consultation with the undergraduate advisor.

Requirements for the Minor in American Studies

18 credit hours distributed as follows:

1. One 2000-level survey course (AMS 2201, AMS 2212, AMS 2270). 3 credits.
2. AMS 2030 (Introduction to American Studies). 3 credits.
3. 6 additional AMS credit hours.
4. 6 additional credit hours of supporting courses to be chosen in consultation with the undergraduate advisor.