

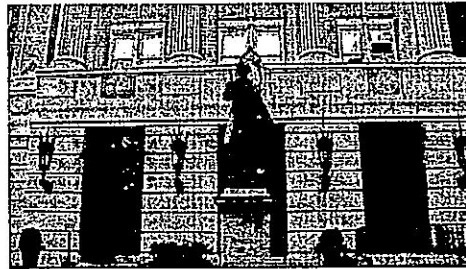
## MAJOR IN AMERICAN STUDIES

### What is American Studies?

A major in American Studies offers students the opportunity to explore the experiences and values of the people of the United States as embodied in their history, literature, politics, art, and other enduring forms of cultural expression. American Studies takes advantage of our location in New York by involving students with the life of the city, working with community service organizations such as the Roger Lehecka Double Discovery Center, and by inviting leading figures on the New York political and cultural scene to participate in classroom activities and public events.

### What Careers can I pursue as an American Studies major?

Our alumni have gone on to successful careers in teaching, journalism, law, the arts, museum fields, music, and other professions.



### Degree Requirements

Students may choose American Studies as a major or a concentration. A minimum of 9 courses is required to complete the major, 7 courses to complete the concentration. See degree requirements below.

### Declaring the Major

Although students generally declare their major or concentration in the spring of their sophomore year, you may want to take electives early on in areas that interest you but that will later connect with the American Studies major.

### Questions?

Feel free to contact Associate Director Robert Amdur (rla2) or visit our website [americanstudies.columbia.edu](http://americanstudies.columbia.edu). Of course, you are always welcome to drop by our office in room 319 Hamilton Hall.

### Open House

Our Open House takes place in March. Fill out the Google form to receive an invitation. [Center for American Studies - Google Forms](#)

### Advising

Because the Center offers an interdisciplinary curriculum, students design their own courses of study. Each student is assigned an advisor who monitors the student's progress through graduation. Students work with their advisors to choose courses such as political science, sociology, anthropology, film, race and ethnicity, and gender among others. Advisors meet with their advisees at least twice a semester.

### Our Advisors

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### Our Staff

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## CURRICULUM

Fall 2021	Spring 2022
Supreme Court Benjamin Rosenberg	Introduction to American Studies Maura Spiegel, Roosevelt Montas
Shakespeare in America James Shapiro	Equity in Higher Education Andrew Delbanco, Roger Lehecka
Gender History and American Film Hilary Hallett	Race, Poverty and American Criminal Justice Cathleen Price
Indigenous Peoples of New York and New England Ryan Carr	Life at the End of Life Robert Pollack, Craig Blinderman
Tocqueville: The Democratic Mind Mark Lilla	New York Intellectuals Ross Posnock
Immigrant New York Rebecca Kobrin	American Legal History: The Rule of Law Michael Hindus
Readings in Jewish Literature Jeremy Dauber	Tale of Two Cities: New York and San Francisco Lynne Breslin