

# AMERICAN STUDIES, B.A. (UNIVERSITY COLLEGE)

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**Begin Campus:** Any Penn State Campus

**End Campus:** Brandywine

## Program Learning Objectives

- Gain knowledge of American culture and politics, past and present, including multiple representations of national identity.
- Employ and inter-relate disciplines of history, literature, philosophy, social sciences, humanities, and the arts, within both individual courses and the major as a whole.
- Draw upon the social and historical resources of students' immediate worlds, in their homes and in the Delaware Valley.
- Gain awareness of difference and commonality of race, class, and gender.
- Position United States experience within the wider hemisphere and world.
- Develop skills of critical observation, research, analysis, and writing.
- Bridge the gap between academic and larger worlds by and through community engagement, internships, and job-market preparedness.
- Students should have improved writing skills and greater awareness of American history, politics and culture. They should also have a better understanding of research skills connected to American Studies and related areas.