The Curriculum
American Studies at Oklahoma State University offers a systematic understanding of the culture and society of the United States of America from a multidisciplinary perspective. Our curriculum pushes students to examine American beliefs, behaviors, symbols, and material objects in a wide variety of institutional and cultural locations. In addition to emphasizing liberal arts education, courses in the major develop skills in research, writing and analysis and help students recognize connections among diverse peoples and ideas—all essential skills for a 21st century workplace.

Students with an American Studies degree develop the following skills:

Students gain a thorough understanding of culture, cultural practices, and beliefs that may differ from their own. In addition to emphasizing liberal arts education, courses in the major develop skill in writing and analysis and help students recognize connections among diverse people and ideas.

Research
Complex Analysis
Writing and Speaking
Interpret Past and Present Events
Critical Thinking
Appreciation of Ethical Concerns
Interpersonal Skills
Leadership
Present Information Clearly and Logically

Job and Internship Websites

- H-Net Job Guide for the Humanities & Social Science
  [https://www.h-net.org/jobs/home.php](https://www.h-net.org/jobs/home.php)
- DC Internships
- The Fund for American Studies
  [http://www.tfas.org](http://www.tfas.org)
- American Alliance of Museums
- Society of American Archivists
  [http://www2.archivists.org/](http://www2.archivists.org/)
- [http://www2.archivists.org/groups/saa-online-career-center](http://www2.archivists.org/groups/saa-online-career-center)
- Idealist
- Association of Art Historians
  [http://www.aah.org.uk/jobs](http://www.aah.org.uk/jobs)
- National Public Radio
  [www.npr.org/about/jobs/](http://www.npr.org/about/jobs/)
- Federal Government Employment
  [http://www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov)
- Oklahoma Jobs
  [http://www.ok.gov/](http://www.ok.gov/)
- Smithsonian Office of Fellowships & Internships
- [http://www.fundforthepublicinterest.org/](http://www.fundforthepublicinterest.org/)
- U.S. Department of State
  [http://www.state.gov/careers/](http://www.state.gov/careers/)
- White House Internships
- Urban Institute
  [https://jobs.urban.icims.com/jobs/intro/](https://jobs.urban.icims.com/jobs/intro/)
- Library of Congress Internships
  [http://www.loc.gov](http://www.loc.gov)
- [http://www.loc.gov/hr/employment/index.php?action=cMain showFellowships](http://www.loc.gov/hr/employment/index.php?action=cMain showFellowships)
- Oklahoma State Legislature
  [www.hireosugrads.com](http://www.hireosugrads.com)

Get Involved on Campus

Art History Organization
Claude Rains Appreciation Society (Film)
History Club
Phi Alpha Delta (Pre-Law)
Sociology Club

A complete list of student clubs and organizations can be found online at:
[https://campuslink.okstate.edu](https://campuslink.okstate.edu)

Meet with a Career Coordinator

College of Arts and Sciences Career Services
Student Success Center, 213 Life Sciences East
Phone: (405) 744-5658
Schedule an appointment or find additional resources at
Website: [http://cascareers.okstate.edu](http://cascareers.okstate.edu)
Potential Career Paths Include:

**Business:**
American Studies graduates possess many of the skills needed to find success in business. Their skills in writing and analysis make them well suited for the following positions:

**Career Options**
- Research Analyst
- Sales Representative
- Media Analyst Sales
- Insurance Underwriter
- Health Administrator
- Marketing Manager
- Human Resources Manager

**Potential Employers**
- Product Sales Firms
- Hospitals
- Insurance Companies
- Consulting Firms

**Communications and Media:**
American Studies majors take an array of courses in many disciplines including Journalism and Broadcasting, English and Economics. Students gain the skills needed to advance in the following positions:

**Career Options**
- Publisher
- Media Executive
- Technical Writer
- Investigative Reporter
- Editorial Assistant
- Public Relations Specialist

**Potential Employers**
- Sales and Marketing Firms
- Public Relations Firms
- TV/Radio/Print News Agencies

**International Relations:**
American Studies majors gain an understanding of the diversity of social and cultural practices within American society which makes them well suited for international work with both government and non-governmental agencies.

**Career Options**
- Cultural Affairs
- Peace Corps

**Potential Employers**
- Non-Profit Organizations
- Government

**Law:**
An American Studies major prepares students well for law school where they can then pursue any of the following positions:

**Career Options**
- Attorney (all specialties)
- Entertainment Lawyer
- FBI Special Agent

**Potential Employers**
- Law Firms
- Government

**Library Sciences/Museum:**
American Studies graduates have a strong foundation in history and an appreciation for the preservation of cultural and historical artifacts.

**Career Options**
- Librarian/Archivist
- Librarian Museum Curator
- Historical Preservationist
- Prints & Photography

**Potential Employers**
- Museums
- Library
- Recreational Parks
- Visitors Bureau

**Education:**
Many American Studies graduates pursue teaching certification, or other advanced degrees to obtain work in the following areas:

**Career Options**
- History Teacher
- College Administrator
- Elementary/Secondary School Teacher

**Potenial Employers**
- Community Colleges
- K-12 School
- Non-Profit Organizations
- Universities

**Internships:**
American Studies students at OSU have the option of taking an internship related to the humanistic or social scientific study of American culture, politics, and society. Museums, humanities and arts organizations, non-profit organizations, and local, city and state government offices are good places to look for such opportunities. **Students must assume responsibility for finding, applying for, and securing internships.** Internships may be taken for 1-3 credit hours per term. Students are expected to work 5 hours a week for 1 credit hour, 10 hours a week for 2 credit hours, and 15 hours a week for three credit hours.

See the list of institutions on the American Studies website for current opportunities and those available on a recurring basis. ([http://amst.okstate.edu/Internships.html](http://amst.okstate.edu/Internships.html))

**Henry Bellmon Scholarship:** Provides financial assistance for full-time Oklahoma State University undergraduates who will be completing government internships in Washington, D.C. or at a state or federal agency in Oklahoma for the summer months. For more information visit career services in 213 Life Sciences East.