

American Studies

Bachelor of Arts

NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

AT A GLANCE

The average class size of 22 students allows for individual attention from professors.

The Dual Admission Program reserves a seat for exceptional students in a graduate or professional school program on acceptance into the undergraduate program.

The Undergraduate Honors Program presents specially designed courses and events to students ready for more in-depth and unique learning experiences.

Students can present their academic and creative work to the public through the *Farquhar Student Journal*, *Digressions*, and the Undergraduate Student Symposium.

The University Arts Center provides an outstanding new home for the performing and visual arts in South Florida.

Travel study courses take students on guided trips from Italy to the Galapagos and from Baja to Budapest, all for course credit.

Guest lecturers and faculty members share their expertise in the Distinguished Speakers Series and the Faculty Lecture Series.

B.A. in American Studies

The American studies major offers an interdisciplinary examination of American life and culture. This discipline examines social, artistic, multicultural, and political movements that helped create U.S. history and national identity. Students cultivate a broad and deep understanding of complex social systems, which provides well-rounded knowledge that is useful for many careers.

Graduates of this major will be able to

- evaluate American civic issues critically
- synthesize multiple disciplines in an exploration of the construction of the American character

These skills prepare students for career opportunities that include government, law, economics, education, nonprofit organizations, and journalism.



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Course of Study

120 credits are required to graduate, including 30 credits of general education.

Major course requirements include

HUMN 2600 Introduction to American Studies

Students must also meet all course criteria in the following areas.

Art and Culture (select 12 credits from the following courses)

COMM 3100 Gendered Images in Popular Culture

FILM 3040 Women and Film

FILM 3050 Literature and Film

FILM 3060 Film Noir

HUMN 3610 Harlem Renaissance

HUMN 3620 American Transcendentalism

Literature (select 12 credits from the following courses)

LITR 2020 American Literature I (required)

LITR 2021 American Literature II (required)

LITR 3230 American Renaissance Literature

LITR 3520 African American Literature

LITR 4730 Faulkner

History (select 12 credits from the following courses)

HIST 1030 American History to 1865 (required)

HIST 1040 American History Since 1865 (required)

HIST 3010 Constitutional History I

HIST 3020 Constitutional History II

HIST 3130 Vietnam

HIST 3230 The Great Depression

Words from an American Studies Professor

“American studies gives us the chance to appreciate American culture, society, and politics from its origins to today, to recognize how we see ourselves and how others see us. We can know better why we do what we do.”

—Frank Casale, Ph.D., Assistant Professor

The Division of Humanities

Majors:

- American Studies
- Communication Studies
- English
- History
- Humanities
- International Studies
- Legal Studies
- Theatre

Minors:

- Arts Administration
- English
- Film Studies
- Folklore and Mythology
- Gender Studies
- Global Studies
- History
- Humanities
- International Law
- Irish Studies
- Legal Studies
- Media Studies
- Medical Humanities
- Philosophy
- Spanish
- Speech Communication
- Theatre
- Writing

The Division of Humanities also offers a master's degree in writing.

Nova Southeastern University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097, Telephone number: 404-679-4501) to award associate's, bachelor's, master's, educational specialist, and doctoral degrees. ■ Nova Southeastern University admits students of any race, color, sexual orientation, and national or ethnic origin.

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