DEPARTMENT OF AMERICAN STUDIES

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Overview
The Department of the American Studies provides a systematic interdisciplinary approach to the historical study of the cultures of the United States, and to the critical analysis of their ongoing evolution. Within the framework of the great Jesuit humanist tradition, the American Studies Department trains students in the skills of clear thinking, writing and speaking, as well as the abilities associated with interpreting literary texts, evaluating historical documents and artifacts, applying humanistic and social science methods and theoretical approaches, and reflecting morally about the problems and issues they address in the classroom. Current faculty strengths include: urban studies; race, gender and ethnicity in American history, culture and literature; African American history, transnationalism; religion; women’s literature; space, region, and place; St. Louis history.

Programs
Undergraduate
• American Studies, B.A. (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/american-studies/american-studies-ba)
• American Studies, B.A. to M.A. Accelerated Program (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/american-studies/accelerated-bachelors-masters-program)
• American Studies, Minor (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/american-studies/american-studies-minor)

Graduate
• American Studies, M.A. (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/american-studies/american-studies-ma)
• American Studies, Ph.D. (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/american-studies/american-studies-phd)

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