Interdisciplinary Studies Major
American Studies Track

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
According to the American Studies Association (theasa.net), career opportunities for American studies graduates include, but are by no means limited to:
- Government Service
- Business
- Education
- Law
- Journalism
- Public History (museums and historical societies)
- Social Work

American Studies Offers You
- Diverse course offerings for personal, academic and professional growth.
- A customizable program based on your individual interests, anchored in a central focus.
- The chance to develop important skills of effective and marketable communication, analysis, and research.
- The opportunity to become a better citizen of our nation.

Interdisciplinary Studies
The goal of interdisciplinary studies is to hone the skills of analysis/critical thinking, effective communication, research and writing. The major offers students the opportunity to complete a degree tailored to their academic and professional interests by meshing courses from more than one discipline.

About the Track
As part of the interdisciplinary studies major, the American studies track combines various disciplines from the arts, humanities and social sciences to provide students with a liberal arts degree focused on the American experience (history, culture, society and institutions) and its role in a globalizing world.

American studies is an incredibly fluid area of scholarly investigation that is always changing and is adaptable to any area of student interest. It encourages students to think broadly and study a wide range of subject areas to further their understanding of the idea of America and what it means to be an American.

The topics of courses range from a core of history, literature and political science to environmental studies and the arts. Through these disciplines, students build the skills necessary for employment in a knowledge-based economy, for furthering their studies in graduate or law school, and, fundamentally, for constructive and engaged citizenship.

Ultimately, American studies is about understanding the nation in terms of its cultures, its past and its present, its diverse peoples and its places, and its relationships with the rest of the world.

Track Requirements
Students must complete six courses for the American studies track core. For the remaining four courses of the track, students work closely with a track coordinator to develop a program centered on their interests. In addition to choosing from a predetermined list of courses, topics courses with appropriate content may be used for the track with coordinator approval.

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“Interdisciplinary studies (IDIS) allows students the flexibility to explore a more multifaceted education in preparation for a multifaceted career!”

- Caroline Deschak IDIS major, Class of 2014

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