

# AMERICAN STUDIES PROGRAM

*College of Arts and Humanities*

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Students are introduced to a broad spectrum of American culture. An optional internship provides on-the-job experience.

## Programs

### Minor

- American Studies (<http://catalog.wcupa.edu/undergraduate/arts-humanities/american-studies/american-studies-minor/>)

## Policies

- See undergraduate admissions information. (<http://catalog.wcupa.edu/general-information/admissions-enrollment/undergraduate-admissions/>)
- See academic policies. (<http://catalog.wcupa.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/>)

All undergraduate students are held to the academic policies and procedures outlined in the undergraduate catalog. Students are encouraged to review departmental handbooks for program tips, suggested course sequences, and explanations of procedures. When applicable, additional policies for specific department programs may be listed below.

## Faculty

### Professors

Karin E. Gedge (kgedge@wcupa.edu) (1997)

B.A., Lake Forest College; M.A., State University of New York at Brockport; Ph.D., Yale University

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B.A., Goshen College; M.A., Ph.D., University of Nebraska

### Associate Professor

Steven Gimber (sgimber@wcupa.edu) (2007)

B.A., Rowan University; M.A., University of Pennsylvania; Ph.D., American University

## Courses

### AMS

#### AMS 199. Transfer Credit Electives. 1-15 Credits.

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Repeatable for Credit.

#### AMS 200. American Civilization. 3 Credits.

An interdisciplinary study of the forces, forms, and values that have contributed to the making of American civilization. Several academic disciplines are drawn upon in exploring the 'Americanness' of American institutions, thought, behavior, and material culture.

Gen Ed Attribute: Interdisciplinary Requirement.

Typically offered in Fall & Spring.

#### AMS 367. American Material Culture. 3 Credits.

An interdisciplinary study of American civilization through the examination of its built environment and crafted and manufactured artifacts from the Colonial period to the mid-20th century.

Typically offered in Fall & Spring.

Cross listed courses AMS 367, HIS 367.

#### AMS 399. Topics in American Studies. 3 Credits.

Topics may vary each semester. Emphasis on student research and discussions.

Repeatable for Credit.

#### AMS 400. Senior Thesis or Project. 3 Credits.

A concluding 'statement' incorporating the interdisciplinary generalist approach.

Typically offered in Fall & Spring.

#### AMS 401. Independent Study. 1-3 Credits.

An opportunity to pursue alternative study projects outside the classroom; field work in community resources, etc.

#### AMS 415. American Studies Internship. 1-15 Credits.

Cooperative, service/learning experience at a community agency, business, or institution.

Repeatable for Credit.