AMERICAN STUDIES

American Studies courses are methodologically grounded in many different areas of cultural studies including historiography, media studies, material culture, visual literacy, critical race theory and gender/sexuality studies. Students are expected to gain competency in American cultural studies by mastering the theoretical and intellectual frameworks of their concentration and by learning to interpret and analyze primary documents.

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