HUMANITIES & AMERICAN STUDIES (HUM/AMS)

The Department of Humanities and American Studies offers students a choice of two undergraduate degrees, one in Humanities and one in American Studies. Students may also minor in each area. For more specific details, students are advised to consult the description of each specific program below.

HUMANITIES (HUM)

The Humanities Program offers an interdisciplinary curriculum that investigates the visual arts, music, literature, and the cultures from which they emerge.

Requirements for the Major in Humanities

Recommended Prerequisites (State Mandated Common Prerequisites)

Students wishing to transfer to USF should complete the A.A. degree at the community college. Some courses required for the major may also meet General Education Requirements thereby transferring maximum hours to the university. If students transfer with fewer than 60 semester hours of acceptable credit, the students must meet the university’s entering freshman requirements including ACT or SAT test scores, GPA, and course requirements.

There are no State Mandated Common Prerequisites for this degree program.

The transfer student should also be aware of the immunization, foreign language, and continuous enrollment policies of the university.

Students are encouraged to complete the following major, support, or elective courses, if available, during the program of study at the community college, and when feasible in General Education/Gordon Rule courses. Unless stated otherwise, a grade of “C” is the minimum acceptable grade.

ENC 1101 Composition I (3)
ENC 1102 Composition II (3)
Humanities (HUM 2000-level courses) (6)
Creative Writing courses (CRW courses) (3-6)
Introductory courses in applied and non-applied Fine Arts (ART, MUS) (6)
Literature in Translation (RUT, CLT courses) (3-6)
Social Science (AMH, EUH courses) (6)

Course Requirements for the Humanities Major

1. Two semester European sequence: HUM 2211 (Studies in Culture: the Ancient through the Medieval Periods) and HUM 2243 (Studies in Culture: the Renaissance through the Twentieth Century), 6 credit hours.
2. Non-Western requirement: One 3000- or 4000-level HUM course, treating Latin American culture, Native American culture, Asian Humanities, or the American Southwest, 3 credit hours. (A course taken in fulfillment of this requirement cannot also be used in fulfillment of the “Core Curriculum” requirement.)
3. 3000-level Core Curriculum: 3 courses focusing on major cultural periods of Europe, the United States, or Latin America, 9 credit hours.
4. HUM 3331 (Themes in Humanities) (3 credit hours), and Hum 4931 (Seminar in Humanities) (4 credit hours), 7 credit hours.
5. Other 3000- or 4000-level HUM courses, sufficient to bring total HUM credits to 33. (Creative/Performing Arts hours are NOT included in that total.)
6. Creative or performing arts, one class, either lower or upper level, 3 credit hours.
7. “C” or better in each Humanities course applied to the degree.
8. 9-10 additional credit hours of supporting courses to be chosen in consultation with the undergraduate advisor.

Requirements for the Minor in Humanities

The curriculum for the Humanities minor is comparable to that of the program for the B.A. degree, but it is less comprehensive. Course requirements are as follows:
1. Eighteen semester hours of Humanities courses.
2. Not over eight of these eighteen hours may be taken below the 3000 level.

AMERICAN STUDIES (AMS)

The American Studies major is designed for students who seek to understand the cultural patterns, beliefs and values that have unified and sometimes divided Americans. American Studies is an interdisciplinary program that emphasizes the diversity of American people and institutions; the importance of gender, race, ethnicity and social class; the material and technological foundations of American society; the development of distinctive regions within the United States; and creative expression in art, architecture, film, literature, music and photography.

Requirements for the Major in American Studies

Recommended Prerequisites (State Mandated Common Prerequisites)

Students wishing to transfer to USF should complete the A.A. degree at the community college. Some courses required for the major may also meet General Education Requirements thereby transferring maximum hours to the university. If students transfer with fewer than 60 semester hours of acceptable credit, the students must meet the university’s entering freshman requirements including ACT or SAT test scores, GPA, and course requirements.

There are no State Mandated Common Prerequisites for this degree program.

The transfer student should also be aware of the immunization, foreign language, and continuous enrollment policies of the university.

Students are encouraged to complete the following major, support, or elective courses if available, during the program of study at the community college, and when feasible in General Education/Gordon Rule courses. Unless stated otherwise, a grade of “C” is the minimum acceptable grade.

AMH 2020 American History II (3)
ENC 1101 Composition I (3)
ENC 1102 Composition II (3)
SOC 2041 American National Government (3)

Course Requirements for the American Studies Major

36 credit hours, distributed as follows:
1. One 2000-level survey course, either AMS 2201 (Colonial American Culture), AMS 2212 (Nineteenth-Century American Culture) or AMS 2270 (Twentieth-Century American Culture), 3 credits.
2. AMS 2300 (Introduction to American Studies), 3 credits.
3. One additional 3000-level period course (e.g. AMS 3230, AMS 3001, AMS 3260), 4 credits.
4. One 3000- or 4000-level regions or genre course (e.g. AMS 3210, AMS 3601, AMS 4152, PGY 3000), 3 or 4 credits.
5. AMS 4804 (Major Ideas in America), 3 credits.
6. One 4000-level Research Seminar (AMS 4935 or AMS 4936), 4 credits.
7. 6 additional AMS credit hours.
8. 9-10 additional credit hours of supporting courses to be chosen in consultation with the undergraduate advisor.
Requirements for the Minor in American Studies

18 credit hours distributed as follows:
1. One 2000-level survey course (AMS 2201, AMS 2212, AMS 2270). 3 credits.
2. AMS 2030 (Introduction to American Studies). 3 credits.
3. 6 additional AMS credit hours.
4. 6 additional credit hours of supporting courses to be chosen in consultation with the undergraduate advisor.