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## CONNECT WITH US

### Cal Day

Come to UC Berkeley's annual **Open House** in April for information sessions, campus tours, special talks, and more.

### Golden Bear Orientation

Join your peers in the campus-wide UC Berkeley **orientation** program for all new students.

### Events

Attend department events with students, faculty, and staff. Visit [as.ugis.berkeley.edu](https://as.ugis.berkeley.edu) for news and updates.

## ADVISING

Students can contact the major advisor to schedule an appointment or ask questions at [amerstd@berkeley.edu](mailto:amerstd@berkeley.edu).

## HOW TO USE THIS MAP

Use this map to help plan and guide your experience at UC Berkeley, including academic, co-curricular, and discovery opportunities. Everyone's Berkeley experience is different and activities in this map are suggestions. Always consult with your advisors whenever possible for new opportunities and updates.

Visit [ue.berkeley.edu/majormaps](https://ue.berkeley.edu/majormaps) for the latest version of this major map.

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# AMERICAN STUDIES

Bachelor of Arts

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## INTRODUCTION TO THE MAJOR

**American Studies** is an interdisciplinary major that provides undergraduates the opportunity to study American history, identity, culture, politics, media, and the built environment. The major offers intensive, individualized faculty advising and mentorship to help students tap into the enormous and varied resources of Berkeley to tackle the question of what is "American" about America. Our courses integrate subjects, methods, and materials from across campus, including the humanities, the social sciences, and the professional schools.



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“ I loved having the flexibility of being able to take some of the best classes from some of the best professors and being able to apply a breadth of knowledge from different disciplines. ”

– Catherine Ladd, Class of 2018

## AREAS OF CONCENTRATION

American Studies majors develop individual concentrations that focus on specific issues relating to U.S. culture, politics, economy, environment, and media. Students are able to draw on a broad spectrum of fields of knowledge, including law, business, ecology, geography, political economy, public policy, architecture, performance, and ethnic, gender, and urban studies. Designed around the axes of “time,” “place,” and material culture, we teach students how to ask and answer scholarly questions and how to design and execute a capstone senior thesis project.

## AMPLIFY YOUR MAJOR

- Take a student-run **DeCal course** like AMERSTD 98: Deconstructing America: Mythology and Hidden History.
- Explore America in the world through **study abroad**.
- Attend a **California American Studies Association event**.
- Apply for a **Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship** to support your senior thesis.
- Challenge yourself with an **American Studies honors seminar** and experience individual research mentorship.

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## DESIGN YOUR JOURNEY

