



## B a c h e l o r o f A r t s D e g r e e

### University Profile

The University of Saint Francis was founded in 1890 and has a rich heritage of offering quality education. Rooted in the Catholic and Franciscan traditions of Faith and Reason, the University of Saint Francis engages a diverse community in learning, leadership and service.

The campus has 74 acres of rolling lawns and trees with 19 buildings and four residence halls that surround beautiful Mirror Lake.

Personal attention to students is what makes a USF education so meaningful and enriching to its approximately 2,000 students.

### American Studies Faculty

The faculty in American Studies are dedicated to outstanding teaching and cooperative learning. Small class size optimizes interactions between students and professors. Students truly come to know their professors and work closely with them on a wide range of projects. Our faculty are engaged in important research that informs their teaching with the newest developments in their field. Furthermore, we strongly encourage majors to broaden their education beyond the classroom and participate in several possible internship opportunities.

### American Studies Major

A successful career in this field begins with a firm grounding in the Liberal Arts through the university-wide General Education curriculum. The major's core courses stress student learning in diverse areas including history, environmental studies, literature, ethnic and gender studies, and the visual and performing arts. This broad array of courses allows

students to shape their major while being broadly prepared for a wide range of professional fields after graduation.

The American Studies major is tightly interwoven into the fabric of the university community. All majors will benefit from the university's commitment to broadening students' awareness of issues that affect the local, national and global community. As a Franciscan institution of higher learning, the university also encourages students to apply their major in ways that can effect positive change in the wider community in areas like social justice, diversity and conflict resolution. A graduate of the American Studies program is perfectly positioned to accomplish this and much more.

### Curriculum (128 credit hours)

#### GENERAL EDUCATION

##### Placement Courses

- Computer Literacy
- English
- Reading
- Math

##### General Education Courses

- iConnect
- English Composition
- Speech
- History
- Society and the Environment
- Social Responsibility and Leadership
- Physical Education
- Philosophical Ethics
- Math
- Science
- Social Sciences
- Fine Arts
- Literature
- Theology
- Religion
- Senior Capstone Course

#### AMERICAN STUDIES MAJOR

##### Core Courses

- Intro to Am Studies 3
- Senior Project 3

Concentrations (30 hours from at least two of the following):

##### Ethnic Studies (9-12 hours)

- Comp Racial/Ethnic Relations 3
- African-American History 3
- Native American History 3
- Cult. Diversity/Human Rights 3

##### Women's Studies (9-12 hours)

- Women in American History 3
- Women, Media, WWII 3
- Literature by Women 3
- Gender Psychology 3

##### American Literature (9-12 hours)

- Survey American Lit I 3
- Survey American Lit II 3
- Am Writers/Mass Audience 3
- Major American Writers 3

##### Visual Arts (9-15 hours)

- History of American Art 3
- Modern American Art 3
- Intro to Mass Communication 3
- Film as Art and Communication 3
- Mass Media/Multimedia Law 3

##### Performing Arts (9-12 hours)

- Surv/Am Musical Theatre 3
- History of Rock and Roll Music 3
- Jazz Appreciation 3
- Intermediate Jazz Styles 3

##### Environmental Studies (9-15 hours)

- Intro to Environmental Science 3
- Nature and Society 3
- American Environmental History 3
- Southwestern Field Studies 3
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- Natural History of Indiana 3

##### American History (9-15 hours)

- History of Indiana 3
- Colonial and Revolutionary America 3
- Early American Republic 3

Sectionalism and Civil War	3
Gilded Age/Progressive Era	3
U.S. History 1912-1945	3
U.S. History since 1945	3

ELECTIVES (Courses allowing a student to pursue a minor or a double major in another discipline)

### **Student Financial Aid**

Financial aid is available in the form of scholarships, grants, loans, and work study. More than 95 percent of undergraduate students receive financial assistance; most receive more than one type of aid. Early estimated packages are available online at [www.sf.edu](http://www.sf.edu) for any student who has been admitted to the university.

All students are encouraged to complete the Free Application for Federal Aid (FAFSA). Priority deadline is no later than March 10.

### **For More Information**

Call the Office of Admissions at 260-434-3279 or 1-800-729-4732, or visit our website at [www.sf.edu](http://www.sf.edu).