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Associate of Arts Degree with specialization in

American Studies
English – Literary Studies or Writing
Modern Languages – French or Spanish

Humanities programs at Northwest College emphasize the development of critical thinking skills. Students pursuing a program of study within the Humanities Division at Northwest take courses not only in their field of study, but also in a wide range of areas which fulfill general graduation requirements.

While humanities programs are transfer-oriented, all courses are designed to fulfill students' needs for human enrichment and individual accomplishment. These courses are available for students who want to expand their experiences within the humanities, whether they are pursuing a Northwest College degree or certificate, or are attending on a part-time basis.

American Studies

A two-year program of interdisciplinary study, the American Studies specialization focuses on multiple aspects of American culture as well as its relationships with global society. Closely collaborating with faculty advisors, students plan a coherent sequence of courses with an emphasis on one or more conventional academic disciplines, ranging from the humanities to the sciences, in combination with interdisciplinary core courses. By customizing one of the four American Studies Options detailed below, students prepare for transfer to a variety of baccalaureate programs in the liberal arts.

American Studies is an ideal choice for students who wish to create a course of study outside the traditional curriculum. It is also an appropriate specialization for students who are undecided about a single major.

Students must successfully complete core courses with a "C-" or better to meet specialization requirements. Students planning to transfer to a four-year program may need to have additional hours beyond the specialization requirements at Northwest College in

order to transfer in as a junior. These students should consult with their advisor and the appropriate four-year college catalog.

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS with specialization in AMERICAN STUDIES

General Education Requirements

Number and Title	Credits
Students should refer to the Graduation Requirements on pages 30-38.....	36-42

Core Courses: Required for all Options

Number and Title	Credits
AMST 2010—Introduction to American Studies.....	3
HUMN 2420—Introduction to Cross-Cultural Studies.....	3
Capstone Course chosen in consultation with advisor.....	3
	TOTAL 9
Core Electives.....	12
	TOTAL REQUIRED 21

MINIMUM CREDITS FOR DEGREE = 64

Options within the American Studies Specialization

Several options are available within American Studies for students to customize their programs according to their unique combination of interests. The Interdisciplinary Studies Option offers the most possibilities for customizing a degree.

Interdisciplinary Studies

Students can use the Interdisciplinary Studies Option in American Studies to pursue a coherent program of study that:

- combines a general overview of issues in American life with a more specific, interdisciplinary study of a single theme; and
- develops the student's exploratory instincts and skills at forming thoughtful and intuitive connections.

Media & Culture Studies

The pervasive presence and effects of all forms of media are prompting a need for informed critics in addition to new practitioners. Students who choose the Media & Culture Studies Option in American Studies will:

- gain historical and critical overviews of forms of contemporary media;
- analyze the effects that the media have on social behavior and values; and
- explore current changes in the directions of technology and anticipate their impact on social behavior and values.

Regional Ecology & Cultural Values

American Studies students in this area would examine the frequently opposed perspectives of sciences and the humanities by taking courses that:

- study the history and geology of the Yellowstone ecosystem;
- consider the role played by ecological values in shaping artistic depictions of the region's natural environment;
- debate relevant current issues in the contexts of history and philosophy; and
- examine the social and political values that are invoked as the basis of public policies.

Examples of courses that can be taken to fulfill the Interdisciplinary Studies, Media & Culture Studies, or Regional Ecology & Cultural Values Options are drawn from the listing of American Studies Core Electives that follows.

Core Electives

Students must complete 12 credits from the following courses selected in consultation with an advisor.

Humanities	
Number and Title	Credits
Humanities	
HUMN 2380—Popular Culture	3
* HUMN 2440—Dialogues in the Humanities (Capstone Course).....	3
HUMN 2445—U.S. Culture and Language for Foreign Students.....	3
HUMN 2450—Introduction to Film.....	3

HUMN 2455—Television and American Culture.....	3
HUMN 2460—Humanities Field Studies: 1-3	
* HUMN 2490—Topics:.....	3

English

ENGL 2000—Introduction to Language	3
ENGL 2055—Creative Writing III: Writing in the Wild.....	3
ENGL 2310—American Literature I	3
ENGL 2320—American Literature II.....	3
ENGL 2340—Native American Culture and Literature	3
* ENGL 2410—Literary Genres:	3
* ENGL 2490—Topics:	3

Philosophy

PHIL 1000—Introduction to Philosophy	3
PHIL 2200—Social and Political Philosophy	3

Visual & Performing Arts / Business / Graphics / Communication

Number and Title	Credits
Art	
ART 2020—Art History II.....	3
ART 2055—Art in the Wild.....	3
ART 2125—Graphic Design History	3

Communication

CO/M 1040—Introduction to Human Communication.....	3
CO/M 2125—Family Communication.....	3
* CO/M 2485—Sophomore Seminar: Communication.....	3

Journalism

JOUR 1000—Introduction to Mass Media...	3
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Music

MUSC 1057—Introduction to Jazz	3
MUSC 2010—American Popular Music	3
MUSC 2055—Music History Survey II.....	3
MUSC 2360—“Born to Lose”: The Cultural Narrative of Country Music.....	3
MUSC 2370—Rock and Roll - Its History and Culture (Capstone Course).....	3

Photography

PHTO 1600—Survey of Photography	3
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Marketing

MKT 1240—Consumer Behavior.....	3
MKT 1300—Advertising	3

Social Sciences

Number and Title	Credits
Anthropology	
ANTH 1200—Introduction to Cultural Anthropology.....	3
ANTH 2210—North American Indian Cultures	3

Criminal Justice

CRMJ 2120—Introduction to Criminal Justice.....	3
CRMJ 2210—Criminal Law.....	3
CRMJ 2400—Criminology.....	3

History

HIST 1110—Western Civilization I.....	3
HIST 1120—Western Civilization II	3
HIST 1229—History of Yellowstone.....	3
HIST 1250—History of Wyoming.....	3
HIST 1280—History of Montana	3
HIST 1290—History of the U.S. West	3
HIST 2050—Introduction to Public History	3
HIST 2290—North American Indians	3
* HIST 2471—Internship: History.....	1-6

Political Science

POLS 1000—American and Wyoming Government.....	3
POLS 2000—Current Issues in American Government.....	3
POLS 2010—Comparative Government.....	3
POLS 2410—Introduction to Public Administration	3
POLS 2460—Introduction to Political Theory	3

Psychology

PSYC 2380—Social Psychology.....	3
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Sociology

SOC 1100—Social Problems	3
SOC 2410—Juvenile Delinquency.....	3

Social Sciences

* SOSK 2395—Seminar in Social Science Research (Capstone Course)	3
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Sciences

Number and Title	Credits
Agroecology	
AECL 1000—Agroecology.....	4
AECL 2010—Ecological Web: Soil	4
Biology	
BIOL 1080—Environmental Science	3
BIOL 2400—Ecology	3
Botany	
BOT 2100—Forest Management	3
Chemistry	
CHEM 2149—Nuclear Century.....	3
Geology	
GEOL 1030—Geology of Northern Wyoming.....	3
GEOL 1035—Geology of Yellowstone National Park	1
GEOL 1235—History and Geology of the Yellowstone Area	3
GEOL 1546—Rocks and Minerals.....	1

GEOL 1547—Heart Mountain, Volcanoes, and the Rockies.....	1
GEOL 1548—Shallow Seas and Changing Climates.....	1
GEOL 2325—Dinosaurs of Wyoming.....	2

Zoology

ZOO 2400—Vertebrate Natural History.....	4
ZOO 2450—Wildlife Management.....	3

** Topics, Capstone, and other special courses vary widely in the subject matter they explore and, therefore, must be approved individually in order to be included as Core Electives in a student's American Studies program of study.*

Native American Studies

Students working in this area explore the richness of Native American culture by following a course of study that incorporates multiple academic perspectives. Students plan a course sequence that:

- examines the cultural histories and artistic products of Native Americans, both today and in the past;
- considers issues that Native Americans face today, with attention to social institutions that directly affect the quality of contemporary Native American life.

Examples of courses that can be taken to fulfill the Native American Studies Option are drawn from the following list of American Studies Core Electives.

Core Electives

Students must complete 12 credits from the following courses selected in consultation with an advisor.

ANTH 1200—Introduction to Cultural Anthropology.....	3
ANTH 2210—North American Indian Cultures.....	3
ART 2055—Art in the Wild.....	3
BOT 2100—Forest Management.....	3
ENGL 2055—Creative Writing III: Writing in the Wild.....	3
ENGL 2320—American Literature II.....	3
ENGL 2340—Native American Culture and Literature.....	3
CO/M 2125—Family Communication.....	3
HIST 1229—History of Yellowstone.....	3
HIST 1250—History of Wyoming.....	3
HIST 1280—History of Montana.....	3
HIST 1290—History of U.S. West.....	3
HIST 2290—North American Indians.....	3
HUMN 2450—Introduction to Film.....	3
POLS 2410—Introduction to Public Administration.....	3

English Education

Students who plan to teach at the secondary level should complete coursework both in the Secondary Education specialization and in English. Many options exist for teaching English, English/Communication, or English/Journalism, and students need to work closely with their Northwest advisors to monitor the requirements of transfer institutions.

For those interested in exploring teaching possibilities, opportunities exist at Northwest for peer tutoring experiences.

English – Literary Studies or Writing

This is a two-year program of study to prepare students for transfer, with an emphasis in Literary Studies or in Writing. Students normally transfer as English majors or English/Secondary Education double majors. In order to achieve an AA with a specialization in English, students must successfully complete core courses with a “C-” or better to meet specialization requirements. Students planning to transfer to a four-year program may need to have additional hours beyond the specialization requirements at Northwest College in order to transfer in as a junior. These students should consult with their advisor and the appropriate four-year college catalog.

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS with specialization in ENGLISH – LITERARY STUDIES OR ENGLISH – WRITING

General Education Requirements

Number and Title	Credits
Students should refer to the Graduation Requirements on pages 30-38.....	36-42

Core Courses

Literary Studies or Writing Areas

Number and Title	Credits
HUMN 2440—Dialogues in the Humanities (Capstone Course).....	3
TOTAL	3

**Core Courses
Literary Studies Areas**

Students must take four ENGL courses selected from the following list.

Number and Title	Credits
ENGL 2000—Introduction to Language.....	3
ENGL 2050—Creative Writing: Prose I.....	3
or	
ENGL 2080—Creative Writing: Poetry I.....	3
ENGL 2210—English Literature I.....	3
ENGL 2220—English Literature II.....	3
ENGL 2230—Introduction to Shakespeare..	3
ENGL 2280—Introduction to Mythology ...	3
ENGL 2310—American Literature I.....	3
ENGL 2320—American Literature II.....	3
ENGL 2410—Literary Genres:.....	3
TOTAL	12

**Core Courses
Writing Area**

Number and Title	Credits
Choose 3 from the following list:	
* ENGL 2010—Technical Writing.....	3
* ENGL 2017—Introduction to Research.....	3
* ENGL 2030—Critical Reading & Writing..	3
ENGL 2050—Creative Writing: Prose I.....	3
ENGL 2080—Creative Writing: Poetry I.....	3
JOUR 1100—Reporting and Newswriting I..	3
* ENGL 2010, 2017, or 2030 will not double count as meeting English general education requirements and a core course.	
Choose 1 from the following list:	
ENGL 2210—English Literature I.....	3
ENGL 2220—English Literature II.....	3
ENGL 2230—Introduction to Shakespeare..	3
ENGL 2310—American Literature I.....	3
ENGL 2320—American Literature II.....	3
ENGL 2340—Native American Literature and Culture.....	3
ENGL 2410—Literary Genres.....	3

Recommended Transfer and General Education Electives

for Literary Studies and Writing Areas

The following courses are recommended as electives to support the specialization for General Education Requirements and Transfer programs.

Number and Title	Credits
Two semesters of modern or classical language.....	6-8
HIST 1110—Western Civilization I.....	3
HIST 1120—Western Civilization II.....	3
ART 2010—Art History I.....	3
ART 2020—Art History II.....	3
MUSC 1000—Introduction to Music.....	3
MUSC 2050—Music History I.....	3
MUSC 2055—Music History II.....	3
THEA 2120—Oral Interpretation.....	3

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Foreign Language Education

Students who plan to teach at the secondary level should complete coursework both in the Secondary Education specialization and in their primary language (French or Spanish). Students need to work closely with their Northwest advisors to monitor the requirements of transfer institutions. Language majors have found it helpful to initiate study of a second foreign language during their first two years of college work. Northwest's course offerings and scheduling support such an option.

Modern Languages

This specialization allows students to focus on the French or Spanish languages for their associate of arts degree. Students must successfully complete core courses with a "C-" or better to meet specialization requirements. After completing the core requirements, students will have the foundation necessary to continue at the intermediate or advanced levels of French or Spanish at a transfer institution. With the choices offered in Recommended Core Electives, students will also be exposed to a second foreign language and classes that focus on the relationship of language, culture and society. Students planning to transfer to a four-year program may need to have additional hours beyond the specialization requirements at Northwest College in order to transfer in as a junior. These students should consult with their advisor and the appropriate four-year college catalog.

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS with specialization in MODERN LANGUAGES

General Education Requirements

Number and Title	Credits
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Core Courses French Option

Number and Title	Credits
HUMN 2440—Dialogues in the Humanities (Capstone Course).....	3
and	
Any combination of the following classes equivalent to four semesters or 14-16 credits hours in French:	
FREN 1010—First Year French I.....	4
FREN 1020—First Year French II.....	4
FREN 2030—Second Year French I.....	4
FREN 2040—Second Year French II.....	4
FREN 2210—Intermediate Conversation and Composition I.....	3
FREN 1475—Independent Study in French.....	1-3
TOTAL	17-19

Recommended Transfer and General Education Electives

The following courses are recommended as electives to support the specialization for General Education Requirements and Transfer programs.

Number and Title	Credits
ANTH 1200—Introduction to Cultural Anthropology.....	3
ART 2020—Art History II.....	3
ENGL 1210—English As A Second Language.....	3
ENGL 2000—Introduction to Language.....	3
FREN 2460—French Field Studies:.....	1-3
GRK 1015—Elementary Biblical Greek I.....	4
HEBR 1010—First Year Hebrew.....	4
HUMN 2420—Introduction to Cross-Cultural Studies.....	3
HUMN 2445—Introduction to U.S. Culture.....	3
HUMN 2460—Humanities Field Studies.....	1-3
SPAN 1010—First Year Spanish I.....	4
SPAN 1020—First Year Spanish II.....	4
SPAN 2460—Spanish Field Studies:.....	1-3

Core Courses Spanish Option

Number and Title	Credits
HUMN 2440—Dialogues in the Humanities (Capstone Course).....	3
and	
Any combination of the following classes equivalent to four semesters or 14-16 credits hours in Spanish:	
SPAN 1010—First Year Spanish I.....	4
SPAN 1020—First Year Spanish II.....	4
SPAN 2030—Second Year Spanish I.....	4
SPAN 2040—Second Year Spanish II.....	4
SPAN 2140—Introduction to Literature.....	3
SPAN 2210—Intermediate Conversation and Composition I.....	3
SPAN 2220—Intermediate Conversation and Composition II.....	3

SPAN 1475—Independent Study in Spanish.....	1-3
TOTAL	17-19

Core Electives

Students should choose courses from the following list totaling 3-7 credits.

Number and Title	Credits
ANTH 1200—Introduction to Cultural Anthropology.....	3
ART 2020—Art History II.....	3
ENGL 1210—English As A Second Language.....	3
ENGL 2000—Introduction to Language.....	3
ENGL 2210—English Literature I.....	3
ENGL 2220—English Literature II.....	3
ENGL 2230—Introduction to Shakespeare.....	3
ENGL 2410—Literary Genres: Native American Literature.....	3
FREN 1010—First Year French I.....	4
FREN 1020—First Year French II.....	4
FREN 2460—French Field Studies:.....	1-3
GRK 1015—Elementary Biblical Greek I.....	4
HEBR 1010—First Year Hebrew.....	4
HUMN 2420—Introduction to Cross-Cultural Studies.....	3
HUMN 2445—Introduction to U.S. Culture.....	3
HUMN 2460—Humanities Field Studies.....	1-3
SPAN 2460—Spanish Field Studies:.....	1-3

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Philosophy

Northwest College offers a small number of introductory-level philosophy courses which are open to all students, regardless of their educational or occupational goals. Courses in Critical Thinking and Introduction to Philosophy discuss essential issues in human experience and develop thinking skills in practical ways. Courses focused on Social and Political Philosophy and on Philosophy of Religion, probe historical and contemporary social issues. In addition to fulfilling certain general education requirements, Northwest's offerings in Philosophy and other humanities areas can provide a basis for a major in philosophy (a popular pre-law choice) at four-year institutions.