AMERICAN IDENTITY AND POLITICS
Short-Term Study Abroad Program

The American Identity and Politics short-term study abroad program combines courses from 12 departments in the College of Arts & Sciences to offer insight into American life and thought through the study of its literature, culture, history, geography, sociology, and politics. Each student will encounter American ideas and identity through coursework in literature or film; explore a slice of American society, history, or culture through coursework in the social sciences, history, philosophy or an interdisciplinary studies program; and examine American political thought and practice through coursework in this area, selected from offerings that represent a broad range of topics and perspectives. Students take four courses to complete this certificate, with at least one from each of the groups below. The fourth course can be selected from any of the three groups.

The following courses are representative of the selection that may be offered the fall in each group. Additional courses may be available. Before registering, students will consult with Dr. Colleen McTague or Dr. Juddi Trent, the faculty advisors for this certificate program.

Ideas and Identity (choose at least one course):
ENGL 207: American Writers
ENGL 275: Ethnic Literatures of the United States
ENGL 320: Contemporary American Fiction
JUDC 360: American Jewish Fiction
AFST 310: African American Literature
AFST 316: African American Poetry
SPAN 183: US Latino Culture through Autobiography
SPAN 184: US Latino Culture through Film

Society, History, and Culture (choose at least one course):
AFST 234: Sociology of the Black Community
AFST 442: Religion in African American Culture
AFST 532: Black Popular Culture
AFST 515: African American Social and Political Thought
ANTH 335: Indians of North America
GEOG 123: Americas: NAFTA Nations
GEOG 323: Urban Geography
HIST 437: Soldiers Fought: War and American Society
HIST 525: Space, Place, and Things: The Material Culture of American History
HIST 547: Art, Race, and Nation: Citizenship and Identity in the U.S.
PHIL 353: Philosophy and Race
SOC 289: Women, Culture and Society
SOC 373: Race in Modern Society
Political Thought and Practice (choose at least one course):
COMM 465: The Rhetoric of Presidential Debates
COMM 557: Communication and the Presidential Campaign
GEOG 333: Political Geography
GEOG 353: Geopolitics
HIST 366: Mass media and Presidential Politics
PHIL 252: Issues on Social and Political Philosophy
POL 110: American Politics
SOC 420: Sociology of Law
SOC 570: Political Sociology
WMST 350: Women and the Law
WMST 457: Environmental Justice & Equality