2015-2016 American Studies Course Descriptions

**AST 199**  **Special Topics in American Studies.** See All-University 199 course description.

**AST 200**  **Special Topics in American Culture and Society.** An interdisciplinary approach to the study of culture and society in America. The topics to be covered will be chosen by the professor but might include such topics as Puritanism, jazz and blues aesthetics, gender in America and the American west. The instructor will introduce students to American studies and explore the importance of interdisciplinary study. 4 Semester Hours.

**AST 299**  **Special Topics in American Studies.** See All-University 299 course description.

**AST 399**  **Special Topics in American Studies.** See All-University 399 course description.

**AST 400**  **Seminar in American Studies.** An interdisciplinary seminar on some aspect of American experience. The topic of study will be selected by the instructor. Emphasis is on in-depth research, critical methodology and mature scholarship. A major paper is required. AST 400 is the Senior Culminating Experience for the American studies major. Prerequisites: AST 200 and junior standing. 4 Semester Hours.

**AST 405**  **Independent Study in American Studies.** In consultation with the coordinator, the student will select a topic in American studies to be developed on his/her own initiative with an appropriate faculty member. Emphasis is on in-depth research, critical methodology and mature scholarship. A major paper is required. Should the student wish, such a paper might involve archival work in the University's Historical Room or at other local archives. Prerequisites: AST 200 or instructor’s permission and junior standing. 4 Semester Hours.

**AST 494**  **Honors Thesis/Project.** See All-University 494 course description.

**AST 499**  **Internship.** See All-University 499 course description.