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The United States Studies Centre’s undergraduate program provides a deep understanding of the United States, its relationship with Australia and the region, and its impact on the world.

The Centre’s courses and programs consistently receive outstanding student satisfaction rates. Our academic staff have been awarded the University of Sydney’s Vice-Chancellor’s Award for Teaching. The Centre offers a set of unique experiences for students, complementing the classroom experience with more than 100 events each year — engaging policymakers and experts across field such as foreign policy, defence, trade, investment and innovation — and access to Centre’s research, policy analysis and media commentary.

In an increasingly internationally-focused job market for new graduates, the Centre’s study abroad programs provide curriculum and professional experience in an international context. These experiences are an valuable addition to a graduate’s professional portfolio.

Under the new administration in the United States, Australia’s relationship with the United States is subject to intense scrutiny. At the same time, both Australia and the United States continue to face shared challenges and opportunities both domestically and internationally. The Centre leads Australian thinking on these questions, with a broad educational program spanning student activities, public lectures and discussions, and visits from distinguished policymakers, business leaders, journalists and scholars.

Best of luck with your studies. We look forward to welcoming you to the Centre.

Simon Jackman
Chief Executive Officer
United States Studies Centre

Our programs at the University of Sydney

The United States Studies Centre offers full-degree programs at the University of Sydney, and units of study relating to politics, business, culture and research as part of full-degree programs administered by the University of Sydney.

For more information about the Centre’s units of study, internships and degree programs please visit: ussc.edu.au/undergraduate.

For more information about how to apply to degree programs at the University of Sydney please visit: sydney.edu.au.
With an exciting new curriculum in 2018, it can be difficult to know how to make the most of all the new opportunities. You’ll find some handy charts below that give you an example of what your degree would look like if you undertake American Studies.

As part of the new combined Bachelor of Advanced Studies, you can undertake a combination of the University’s new Open Learning Environment (OLE) online units, majors from the Faculty of Arts and Social Science’s 40+ majors and a shared pool of 52 majors from Architecture, Business, Education, Engineering, Health, Music and Science.

Below is an example of what a Bachelor of Arts / Bachelor of Advanced Studies would look like with a major in American Studies and English.

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AMERICAN STUDIES IN THE NEW CURRICULUM

Spanish language program
Because we want our students to be as internationally focused as we are, we’re offering our students the opportunity to learn Spanish, widely spoken within the United States and one of the three ‘global’ languages. Simply enrol in two USSC or AMST coded units in a semester to receive a full ‘season’ of Spanish from our friends at the Centre for Continuing Education. These flexible classes can be taken by beginners or experts looking to polish their skills.

Summer research scholarship
For high school students and current undergraduates looking to develop their skills in research, this is the perfect mix of professional development and paid work. Students are given the opportunity to contribute to the production of a major research project with one of our Centre’s academics as their supervisor.

Data Science
After revising our popular unit of study, USSC3601 Public Opinion and Voting in the US, we are now focused on developing curriculum to enable students to attain essential skills in data science — skills that are in high demand by employers across numerous fields. Look out for an undergraduate data science unit, and two new data science training Online Learning Environment (OLE) units in 2019!
Major in American Studies with any degree at Sydney

As part of the 2018 curriculum, students from different faculties have more flexibility to explore subjects from other areas, whether you are in Science, Engineering, Health or Business. Below is an example of a major in Statistics as part of a Bachelor of Science. Alongside the Statistics major, you could complement this with a major in American Studies, finishing your degree with a combination of data science and statistics with the professional development unit USSC3601 Public Opinion and Voting.

1st year
Sem 1
- PSYC1001 Psychology 1001
- BIOL1003 Human Biology
- MATH1003 Integral Calculus and Modelling
- MATH1001 Differential Calculus
- USSC1201 America and Australia: the Issues Compared
- 24 credit points

Sem 2
- PSYC1002 Psychology 1002
- BIOL1007 From Molecules to Ecosystems
- MATH1005 Statistics
- MATH1905 Statistics (Advanced)
- AMST1001 Global America
- 24 credit points

2nd year
Sem 1
- STAT2011 Statistical Models
- STAT2911 Probability and Statistical Models
- AMST2701 American Dreams
- USSC2602 US Politics: Elections, Presidents, Laws
- 24 credit points

Sem 2
- STAT2012 Statistical Tests
- AMST3001 American Perspectives
- SYCH2013 Cognitive and Social Psychology
- PSYC2014 Personality and Psychology Assessment 1
- 24 credit points

3rd year
Sem 1
- STAT3011 Stochastic Processes and Time Series
- STAT3911 Stochastic Processes and Time Series (Adv)
- USSC3601 Public Opinion and Voting
- Open Learning Environment
- 24 credit points

Sem 2
- STAT3013 Statistical Inference
- USStudies3703 US Studies Internship
- FASS3999 Interdisciplinary Project
- Open Learning Environment
- 24 credit points

Minor in American Studies with any degree at Sydney

Or you may want to complete our new minor in American Studies, which allows you to still pursue our core units of study, but has a reduced overall study load. This can be completed in any degree at the University of Sydney, and below is an example of the combination of the American Studies minor with the International Business major in a Bachelor of Commerce. The International Business major allows completion with the USSC unit 'US in the World'.

1st year
Sem 1
- BUS1000 Future of Business
- 24 credit points

Sem 2
- BUS1020 Quantitative Business Analysis
- CLAW2111 Commercial Practice in China
- MKTG2112 Consumer Behaviour
- 24 credit points

2nd year
Sem 1
- BUS2000 Leading and Influencing in Business
- IBUS2101 International Business Strategy
- IBUS2101 International Business Alliances
- AMST2701 American Dreams
- 24 credit points

Sem 2
- IBUS3102 International Risk Management
- IBUS2102 Cross-Cultural Management
- USStudies2602 US Politics: Elections, Presidents, Laws
- AMST3001 American Perspectives
- 24 credit points

3rd year
Sem 1
- USStudies2601 US In the World
- WORK2201 Foundations of Management
- USStudies3703 US Studies Internship
- MKTG3116 International Marketing
- 24 credit points

Sem 2
- WORK2210 Strategic Management
- MKTG2113 Marketing Research
- Open Learning Environment (12 Credit Points)
- 24 credit points

Business

The US Studies Centre has multiple connections to the Australian and American business communities, hosting a regular "CEO in Sydney" series with industry leaders across technology, construction and finance. For undergraduate students, we offer exclusive "CEO in Sydney" series with industry leaders across technology, construction and American business communities, hosting a regular "CEO in Sydney" series with industry leaders across technology, construction and finance. For undergraduate students, we offer exclusive "CEO in Student" series with industry leaders across technology, construction and American business communities, hosting a regular "CEO in Student" series with industry leaders across technology, construction and finance.

"My internship at AmCham took me beyond academia and challenged me to apply my skills in an environment with commercial imperatives and policy orientation. Most importantly, I gained the way for my current role in which I manage projects with six-figure revenue streams and oversee the publication of online content on the US Studies Centre's website. That provided the opportunity to visit the US Consulate General and host key political figures from Australia and the rest of the world. That's been invaluable knowledge as I rapidly become a de-centralised, globalised media environment."

Joseph Edwards
Bachelor of Arts (Government and International Relations)

Politics

The US Studies Centre is a major player in the Australian political scene, with strong links to government. We develop public policy recommendations through our research programs and host key political figures from Australia and the United States at forums and roundtables.

"As a Government and International Relations student there were a lot of USSC subjects relevant to my major. "US in the World" was particularly interesting. I wrote a policy brief that provided the opportunity to visit the US Consulate General and host key political figures from Australia and the rest of the world. That's been invaluable knowledge as I rapidly become a de-centralised, globalised media environment."

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Media

USSC experts are in high demand by Australian and international media for analysis of the United States. In addition, the Centre has produced multiple graduates now working for major media outlets such as the ABC, SBS, The Australian and Fairfax.

"USSC gave me a solid and useful grounding in how the United States functions, its history and its relationship with the rest of the world. That's been invaluable knowledge as I rapidly become a de-centralised, globalised media environment."

Georgia Hitch
Journalist at the ABC
Bachelor of Arts (Media and Communications)
UNITS OF STUDY
Here’s a sample of what your major in American Studies could look like.

**Year 1**

**USSC1201 America and Australia: The Issues Compared**
Are we an independent nation, or are we America’s ‘51st state’? This unit of study will look at everything that defines the nations of Australia and America. From the Kardashians to the Camichael mine, from Trump to Hanson, from Indigenous genocide to the genesis of independence, USSC1201 will be covering the big issues.

**AMST1001 Global America**
The Centre’s flagship program is back to make your summer great! Investigate why America is a powerhouse of global influence, and see why Global America has won the coveted Vice-Chancellor’s Award for Teaching twice!

**Year 2**

**Politics units**

**USSC2601 US in the World**
For students interested in careers in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade or other areas related to foreign policy, USSC2601 offers the only on-campus opportunity for meaningful professional development in the area. The assessments will be centred around the production of policy memos relating to US foreign policy in the Asia-Pacific region. The top three policy memos will be presented to the current US Consul General at a formal dinner, which may be on an issue that they require a briefing on.

**USSC2602 US Politics: Elections, Presidents, Laws**
Whether you’re licking your lips in anticipation, or wringing your hands in worry, this unit of study definitively explains what a president can (and can’t) do. Gain an understanding of the pertinent issues affecting the US political process, and what the issues in the process are.

**Culture units**

**AMST2701 American Dreams**
This unit introduces students to the complexity and richness of Americanness. Divided into historically grounded modules on race, religion, gender, politics and region, the unit will approach each from a variety of angles: the historiographical, the literary, the cultural, the political and the cinematic.

**AMST2606 Stand Up USA: American Comedy and Humour**
Public discourse around social and political issues and American comedy have become one and the same in the 21st century. Rather than just a distraction, comedy has become the foundation of political thought.

**USSC2604 Sex, Race and Rock in the USA**
One of the most radical subjects on offer at the University of Sydney, USSC2604 covers the history of rock music and identity politics from the 1950s onwards, and even features celebrity guest lecturers such as Les Garland (MTV co-founder), Hayley Mary (frontwoman of ARIA award-winning band The Jezabels) and Rod Yates (editor of Rolling Stone magazine).
AMST3601 American Perspectives
Capstone your undergraduate major with a holistic unit of study that encapsulates every method of enquiry you have covered throughout American Studies. Develop your professional research skills by combining all of your previous areas of study into a major project: politics, history, English studies, film, foreign policy, gender studies and cultural studies.

USSC3601 Public Opinion and Voting in the US
Gain an understanding of key issues related to the American political system, and the factors that race, religion and economic interests play in polling. This unit is also designed to give students a practical understanding of the use of data science in the modern workplace — one of the most in-demand skills for graduates in the 21st century.

USSC3703 US Studies Internship
Complete an exclusive internship with the United States Studies Centre at one of our partner organisations, and develop your skills in business, global media or international relations. Students must complete USSC3703 in order to be eligible for entry into our internship programs. See page 10 for more about our internships.

Honours
As part of the new 2018 undergraduate curriculum, students are able to pursue Honours research as part of their Bachelor of Advanced Studies in their final year. Throughout the program, you will complete a mixture of coursework and research, culminating in an original research paper of 18,000 – 20,000 words.

- American Studies: Theory and Practice (6 credit points)
- Research Thesis Part 1 (18 credit points)
- Cultural Capital: Kant to Kardashian (6 credit points)
- Research Thesis Part 2 (18 credit points)

Honours can be considered both a pathway to further study (Higher Degree by Research), or a capstone to your degree that gives you additional skills in professional research and project management.
START YOUR GLOBAL CAREER

Become part of our global community to help kick-start your career.

Heading overseas during your semester break is a great way to accelerate your degree while experiencing all that US college life has to offer. Live on campus and interact with students from around the globe all while earning credit. We will be with you every step of the way to ensure you get the most out of it.

Or perhaps you’d like to take part in one of our local internships that allows you to dive deep into a project, take your studies to the next level and earn credit for your degree at the same time? To be eligible for our internships, you must enrol in USSC2605.

International mobility

UCLA Study Abroad Program
Winter break

The UCLA Study Abroad Program was launched in 2012 and provides a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for students to study at the University of California, Los Angeles, ranked 14th in the 2016–17 Times Higher Education world university rankings.

Students choose from hundreds of courses, offered by UCLA from a variety of disciplines. Popular courses in the past have included Entertainment Law; Celebrity, Fame, and Social Media; and US Politics. To complement these courses, the United States Studies Centre has previously organised a range of cultural activities such as welcome dinners, city tours, a trip to Disneyland, and a Los Angeles Dodgers baseball game.

Los Angeles Placement Program
Summer break

Developed in 2012, the Los Angeles Placement Program is run by the United States Studies Centre in partnership with the University of California Los Angeles Extension (UCLA Extension). Designed for aspiring business leaders, the Los Angeles Placement Program not only equips students with the leadership skills to give them a competitive advantage in the workforce, but also with an in-depth understanding of the complexities of American business.

Students enrol in the compulsory UCLA Extension courses Doing Business in the US, and Leadership Communication and Strategies, and complete professional placements in top finance, entertainment, law, marketing, and media firms, such as ROAR Asia Pacific, Cappello Capital and M&C Saatchi.

Washington DC Placement Program
Summer break

The Washington DC Placement Program was launched in 2011 by the United States Studies Centre in partnership with the University of California Washington Center (UCDC). The program provides students with the unrivalled opportunity to live in the seat of American power and witness firsthand the interaction of government and business. Students choose from a range of courses at UCDC, such as International Policy, the Supreme Court, and Policy Making. To complement their studies, students complete professional placements in leading organisations, such as congressional offices on Capitol Hill, think tanks and local government.

Internships and placements

American Chamber of Commerce

Our American Chamber of Commerce internship mixes business, media and international relations, and was recently profiled as a ‘dream job’ in the Education HQ student guide for 2017.

Get real-world experience working with transnational commerce and network with leaders in the area of diplomacy, and some of the world’s largest multi-national corporations.

Foreign policy, defence and strategy

The Centre’s foreign policy, defence and strategy program bridges the academic and policy realms by matching scholarly analysis and insight with ideas and initiatives that can build a stronger Australia-US relationship. Our research and teaching is focused on foreign policy, from military strategy to trade agreements in Asia as well as the political dynamics of the alliance in Canberra and Washington. Our students work on these issues as well as understanding the individuals and institutions shaping ANZUS.

Interns have gone on to jobs in the Australian government, placements in the United States, and further academic study.

Innovation and entrepreneurship

As part of our new innovation and entrepreneurship research program we have two residential internships available for students interested in the areas of policy and commerce. The program examines factors driving business in an era of significant technological change by drawing on the experience of the United States with a view to informing the Australian approach.

The internship provides experience transferable to businesses grappling with constant change.

United States Consulate

Ever dreamed of working in the exciting world of international relations? The USSC offers the opportunity to intern over the summer break at the US Consulate in the areas of economics, foreign policy, commerce or media. Students interact with government officials and diplomats, and gain invaluable, practical experience in the exciting world of diplomacy and international trade.

Sierra Nevada Online

Students wishing to study in the United States in a full-time degree are encouraged to enrol in an online preparatory course for university. This course is run by our partners at Sierra Nevada College and counts as 3 credit points (one unit) in any American Bachelor’s degree.

ussc.edu.au/career
America: Prophecy, Power, Politics
We run an elite unit of study specially designed to prepare high school students for university. America: Prophecy, Power, Politics is a unit of study that asks you to think beyond the scope of the HSC curriculum, and begin studying and preparing work at a university standard.

The best part is that this unit of study counts for both your HSC and university degree. Yes, you read that correctly — this course is recognised as a preliminary Year 11 unit, and will count for 6 credit points in any degree you choose to enrol in at the University of Sydney.

Debate the Future of America
Now in its eighth year, Debate the Future of America presents the opportunity for Sydney’s top high school debating students to cover some of the world’s most pertinent issues and win great prizes for their school. Running from July to August, this competition has its grand finale at the University of Sydney’s Open Day.

History: Beyond the Dot Points
Held every July, the USSC hosts preparatory classes for the HSC Modern History curriculum. These seminars will broaden students’ understanding and facilitate deep analysis of the issues in American History. It is supplementary to the content taught by teachers in the classroom, and is aimed at transforming students into Band 6 performers.

United States Studies Society
Our first partner society, the United States Studies Society is a collective for student engagement. Running more than 20 events a year, the society covers a wide range of interests from film, literature and music, to politics and sports.

The society works with other societies and the Centre to come up with some of the most unique experiences on campus such as live circuses, hip hop nights, film screenings and bar trivia!

USSC Events
The Centre has a strong culture as an event powerhouse, bringing out Joe Biden during his vice-presidential tenure, Senator John McCain, governors from Nevada and Ohio, and high-profile writers, business people, filmmakers and academics.

Most of our 100+ annual Centre events are free and open to the public, and cover almost every area of interest for students.

Sydney University United Nations Society
Our second partner society, the Sydney University United Nations Society (SUUNS) is the second-largest membership-based society on campus. We make a perfect match with the society, providing speakers and opportunities from the world of international relations at their annual conferences, including the prestigious SYDMUN event in November, and high school Model United Nations (MUNs).

New for 2018: Model United Nations
As part of our partnership with SUUNS, we are also offering the opportunity for students to develop their skills in international relations, and duke it out as part of an in-class simulation of a Model United Nations. Students represent a country within the Security Council, and debate current issues. Both fun and educational, this experience serves as a strong introduction to university life.

SCHOOL VISITS
The United States Studies Centre is able to provide direct school visits on a range of topics, including University admissions, careers and our subject range.

ussc.edu.au/highschool