

Proposal to Append Two Additional 4+1 Concentrations in American Studies: POLS and PHIL

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The following is a proposal to append the [Proposal for 4+1 Undergraduate/Graduate Dual Degree Concentrations](#) in American Studies approved by the Faculty Senate on May 15, 2022 by adding two additional undergraduate concentrations to the new 4+1 options. The original proposal (link above) contains information and context related to MAAS. Included here are two additional curriculum maps applicable to the PHIL and POLS 4+1 concentrations.

Adding PHIL and POLS concentrations further enhances the interdisciplinary character of the MAAS Program. It provides expanded opportunities for undergraduate students to earn an advanced Humanities degree at substantial cost savings, and to work alongside peers in the Social Sciences and Humanities at an intersectional field where arts, culture, identity, politics and society are theorized and practiced.

In collaboration with PHIL and POLS chairs, with approval from the ARHU and SOBL deans, and with consent of the Provost, MAAS seeks an expedited review of the two additional concentrations so that they may be included as additional items in the 2022-23 notification of new programs for the New Jersey Academic Issues Council (NJAIC).

The two additional 4+1 concentrations follow the structures of the existing concentrations, permitting students with 96+ credits and a 3.2 GPA in their major to take up to four graduate courses (12 credits) during their senior year. MAAS graduate courses are taught by faculty from contributing programs. Courses are offered as core, elective, and shared space courses, subject to faculty availability and in consultation with Deans. This proposal requires no additional resources from individual programs. POLS faculty will not be required to teach MAAS courses and the impact on precepting in POLS will be minimal to none. The POLS program expects this new degree program to impact 2-5 students/annually, acknowledging that 2 recent POLS graduates are currently enrolled in the standalone MAAS program at this time.

Student Learning Outcomes and assessment will follow the MAAS Learning Goals and Comprehensive Assessment Plan outlined on p. 8 of the original proposal (link above).

Please see supporting documents:

1. **Stockton University Board of Trustees Executive Summary of American Studies Concentrations.** This proposal would revise, update and resubmit the Executive Summary to include the PHIL and POLS programs among other 4+1s.
2. **PHIL Curriculum Map** prepared by Rodger Jackson, Chair, PHIL. Program Approval Date: Sept. 27, 2022.
POLS Curriculum Map prepared by Tina Zappile, Chair, POLS. Program Approval Date: Oct. 3 2022.
3. **Support Letters from Deans of SOBL and ARHU.**

Academic Programs and Planning (APP) Committee
Feedback and Response Form

Thank you for your submission of the proposal titled Proposal to Append Two Additional 4+1 Concentrations in American Studies: POLS and PHIL.

The APP committee reviewed the proposal on __10/19/22__. This proposal does not propose a new degree program but rather additional pathways for students to enter the Masters in American Studies through other majors. It does not stand alone, senators are encouraged to look at the proposal reviewed at their April, 2022 meeting for information as to how students can successfully enter the MAAS via a variety of pathways, and why such flexibility is both appropriate and value-added. As was true in the previous proposal, this will be an information item for the State of New Jersey and is not subject to the same level of review and approval through the Secretary of Higher Education. The committee therefore voted 9 to 2 in favor of sending the proposal to the Faculty Senate with a single reading at APP, with clarifications strongly recommended to strengthen the proposal prior to submission to the senate. This document must be included in the information provided to the Senate.

Committee Suggestion/Clarification	Author Response
<p>Our concern is the highlighted comment on page 3 of both curriculum guides: "Consider taking G courses in American Studies." The purpose of G courses is to introduce the student to content areas outside of their discipline. Funneling students into one focused area may limit their empirical, aesthetic, affective, personal, and especially cognitive growth as open-minded, free, critical and reflective thinking individuals. It is antithetical to the spirit of our General Studies approach to ensuring a broad liberal arts degree. Such advice is not given in the proposals for the tracks previously reviewed. Why is it necessary/appropriate for these?</p>	<p>This is an oversight. Neither curriculum map should have indicated a <i>requirement</i> for any specific G course. Changes made in degree maps now indicate a recommended student choice for GAH 2373 Intro to American Studies with no requirement to take it, in line with previously-approved concentration maps.</p> <p>The reason for this recommendation is that students can declare the concentrations at any time, but cannot take dual degree qualifying courses until 96+ credits. It would be advisable for interested students to explore American Studies before commencing with the 4+1.</p>

	<p>Exploration of the curriculum is a major goal of General Studies.</p> <p>Other highlighted comments address sections of degree maps intended as helpful reminders to students. Language suggesting students consider other “G courses in American Studies” has been removed and replaced with “Consider taking a wide range of interdisciplinary G courses.”</p>
<p>Adding an update on the existing programs would strengthen the current proposal, though APP acknowledges that information may be limited even for the LITT pathway as this original pathway was approved only a year before the pandemic hit.</p>	<p>MAAS could not begin promoting the new programs until after BoT approval, Sept. 2, 2022.</p> <p>Currently, MAAS has three new declared dual degree students, two in LITT and one in SOAN. Chair has met with six additional interested students since Sept. 15, 2022.</p>
<p>A comprehensive assessment plan that is specific to these tracks would strengthen the proposal.</p>	<p>Assessment plans follow existing comprehensive program assessment in MAAS and individual programs laid out in the original proposal. MAAS will discuss the need for and efficacy of potential assessment of dual degree students and shared space courses as the programs develop.</p>



4 + 1 Combined BACHELOR of ARTS (B.A.) in POLITICAL SCIENCE (POLS) & MASTERS OF ARTS (M.A.) in American Studies

School of Behavioral and Social Sciences (SOBL)

<https://stockton.edu/social-behavioral-sciences/political-science.html>

In this 5-year program, you earn a B.A. and stay 1 additional year to earn an M.A.! The suggested program of study shown below should be used in consultation with your preceptor(s). Every student will finish with a unique plan of her/his/their own depending on actual courses. Students must complete 96+ credits and have a 3.2 GPA in their major prior to their senior year to remain eligible.

FIRST-YEAR			
Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
Choose a FIRST-YEAR SEMINAR (placement required) <i>in-person or online</i> 1) FRST 1002 Critical Thinking and Reading* 2) GXX 10XX Attribute: First-Year Seminar	4	POLS 2100 Introduction to American Politics (required)** <i>online</i> (available Summer) Attribute: H	4
Choose a WRITING W1 course (placement required) <i>in-person or online</i> 1) FRST 1101 College Writing* 2) GSS 2121 Argument & Persuasion In Social Sciences Attribute: W1	4	POLS 2XXX Intro course in Comparative Politics (<i>in person</i>), International Politics (<i>in person or online</i>), Public Policy (<i>in person</i>), or Political Theory (<i>online</i>) Attribute: I-International or Q2	4
Choose a MATH Q1 course (placement required) <i>in-person or online</i> (available summer) 1) FRST 1100 Developmental Math* 2) FRST 1103/1703 Quantitative Reasoning/Lab* 3) CIST 1206 Statistics (required) Attribute: Q1	4	1XXX or 2XXX General Studies (GEN, GSS, GNM, GAH) or At-Some-Distance (ASD) <i>in-person or online</i> Attribute: A, R1, or Q2	4
POLS 1100 Intro to Politics <i>in-person</i> Attribute: V-Values	4	1XXX or 2XXX General Studies (GEN, GSS, GNM, GAH) or At-Some-Distance (ASD) <i>in-person or online</i> Attribute: A, R1, or Q2	4
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	16	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	16

TO DO:

- Attend [Welcome Week](#) events & Get Involved!
- Meet your “preceptor” also known as your faculty advisor
- Learn about Campus Services & Resources like the [Dean of Students](#) and [Wellness Center](#) for your [mental](#) and [physical health](#)
- Find other services like [Military & Veteran Services](#) or other offices for support
- Search [Osprey Hub](#) for Clubs & Events like Model UN and Amnesty International
- Add a [Minor](#) & explore other course options
- Find an [on-campus job](#)
- Meet with the [Learning Access Program \(LAP\)](#) for disability support
- Visit the library & find locations to study on campus
- Write for [The Argo](#), Stockton’s Independent paper

*FRST 1002, 1101, 1100, and 1103/1703 are only open to students placed into these courses.

**POLS majors must take POLS 2100 *before* they earn 76 credits (beginning of the third year).

WHAT DO I NEED TO GRADUATE WITH MY BA?

- 40 credits POLS +
- 24 credits Cognate or additional POLS +
- 32 credits General Studies (GENS) including GAH 2275 INTRO TO AMERICAN STUDIES +
- 32 credits At Some Distance (ASD) or GENS =
- **128 TOTAL Credits**

Other Requirements as part of your 128 B.A. credits:

- Writing: 4 W1/W2 courses (2 can be transferred) w/ a C or higher
- Math & Quantitative Analysis: 3 Q1/Q2 courses (2 Q1 can be transferred)
- Race & Racism Education: 2 R1/R2 courses (0 can be transferred)
- Arts (A), Values (V), History (H), & International (I): 1 course each
- Specific G-categories: 1 GEN, 2 GSS, 2 GNM, 2 GAH, 1 GIS

Hint: Search for courses that fulfill multiple university requirements!

SECOND-YEAR

Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
POLS 2XXX Intro course in Comparative Politics (<i>in person</i>), International Politics (<i>in person or online</i>), Public Policy (<i>in person</i>), or Political Theory (<i>online</i>)	4	POLS 2XXX Intro course in Comparative Politics (<i>in person</i>), International Politics (<i>in person or online</i>), Public Policy (<i>in person</i>), or Political Theory (<i>online</i>)	4
POLS 2245 Race & Politics <i>in-person</i> Attribute: R2	4	POLS 2XXX or 3XXX Elective <i>mostly in-person</i>	4
POLS Local Internship or POLS 2XXX or 3XXX Elective or Cognate <i>mostly in-person</i>	4	2XXX General Studies (GEN, GSS, GNM, GAH) or ASD <i>in-person or online</i> Attribute: A, R1, or Q2	4
2XXX General Studies (GEN, GSS, GNM, GAH) or ASD <i>in-person or online</i> Attribute: A, R1, or Q2	4	2XXX General Studies (GEN, GSS, GNM, GAH) or ASD; GAH 2275 INTRO TO AMERICAN STUDIES (recommended) <i>in-person or online</i>	4
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	16	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	16

TO DO:

- Meet with your Preceptor
- Explore local internship opportunities
- Choose a semester for your [Washington D.C. internship](#)
- Continue to get involved with [student clubs](#)
- Explore short-term & semester-long [study abroad opportunities](#)
- Consider adding a [Minor](#) if you haven't already
- Apply for [on-campus jobs](#)

OPTIONAL SUMMER EXPERIENCES

- Complete a Local Internship for POLS credits
- Join a Professor in a Summer Intensive Research Experience (SIRE) course
- Do an Independent Study on a topic of interest
- Take [Summer Courses](#) in POLS, Cognate, General Studies, or ASD *in-person or online*

IN FIVE YEARS AT STOCKTON YOU CAN:

- Go to Washington D.C. for the Entire Semester through the [Washington Center internship program](#) in fall or spring
- Conduct Research with Your Professors through Independent Studies, [Hughes Center](#) student research fellows, [Board of Trustees Fellowships](#), and more
- Explore your academic, professional, and personal interests through our unique degree program that includes General Studies and At-Some-Distance courses in a variety of subject areas
- Travel abroad for 1-2 weeks as part of a Stockton Class! [Faculty-Led Programs \(FLP\)](#) provide many options

IN FIVE YEARS AT STOCKTON YOU CAN:

- **Study Abroad** for the [entire semester or year](#) with credits counting towards your B.A. degree
- **Add a Minor** in Economics, Languages, Writing, Global Studies, Women's Gender & Sexuality Studies, Migration, Victimology, and more (see the list [here](#))
- **Complete a Local Internship** for credit towards your B.A. degree
- **Apply for Pi Sigma Alpha Honors** if you meet the criteria for this Honors Designation
- **Participate in Model UN** and go to [National Model UN conferences](#) in Washington D.C., NYC, and abroad
- **Get Involved with Student Clubs** like Amnesty International, Student Senate, multicultural clubs, etc.
- **Take Summer Courses** to stay on track with your degree plan

THIRD-YEAR

THIRD-YEAR			
Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
POLS 3150 Political Methodology (required) <i>in-person</i> Attribute: Q1	4	Travel Abroad for 1-2 Weeks through a Faculty-Led Program to Ecuador, South Africa, Iceland, Japan, France, Ghana, Colombia, Italy, & More! For more details visit this website .	4
POLS Local Internship or POLS 2XXX Intro course in Comparative Politics (<i>in person</i>), International Politics (<i>in person or online</i>), Public Policy (<i>in person</i>), or Political Theory (<i>online</i>)	4	POLS 2XXX, 3XXX, or 4XXX Elective <i>mostly in-person</i>	4
POLS 2XXX Intro course in Comparative Politics (<i>in person</i>), International Politics (<i>in person or online</i>), Public Policy (<i>in person</i>), or Political Theory (<i>online</i>) or POLS Elective including Independent Study	4	3XXX or 4XXX General Studies (GEN, GSS, GNM, GAH) <i>in-person or online</i> Attribute: Any outstanding required for graduation	4
2XXX or 3XXX General Studies (GEN, GSS, GNM, GAH) or ASD <i>in-person or online</i> Attribute: Any outstanding required for graduation	4	3XXX or 4XXX GIS capstone course for General Studies (required) <i>in-person or online</i> Attribute: Any outstanding required for graduation	4
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	16	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	16

TO DO:

- Take a wide range of G courses including in American Studies
- Continue to see your Preceptor
- Apply for the American Political Science Association (APSA) [Ralph Bunche Summer Institute \(RBSI\)](#)
- Plan your [Washington D.C. Internship Program](#)
- Explore research opportunities like [Diplomacy Lab](#) to work on projects for the U.S. State Department
- Apply for student research positions at the [Hughes Center for Public Policy](#)
- Start your post-college planning! Visit the [Career Center](#)
- Look for opportunities to do Independent Studies and Research Projects! Tell your professor(s) that you'd like to conduct research under their supervision.
- Explore local internship opportunities with campaigns, government offices, and more
- Apply for Pi Sigma Alpha Honors (applications sent via email)
- Explore federal pathway and other internship programs with [USAJOBS](#)
- Run for leadership positions in a student club and/or Student Senate

REQUIRED SUMMER EXPERIENCE

REQUIRED: take at least one (1) [Summer Course](#) in POLS, Cognate, General Studies, or ASD *in-person*

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or online. Note: you may add a 5th course in the fall or spring instead, however we strongly recommend taking the summer course and keeping your workload at 4 courses/semester in the fall and spring.

FOURTH-YEAR OPTION A: On Campus Senior Year

Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
POLS 2XXX, 3XXX, or 4XXX elective or Cognate <i>in-person or online</i> Attribute: Any outstanding required for graduation	4	POLS 4695 Senior Seminar (required) <i>in-person</i> Attribute: W2 -also counts towards the MA degree = 3 credits toward MA & 4 for the B.A.	4
POLS 3XXX or 4XXX elective or Cognate <i>in-person or online</i> Attribute: Any outstanding required for graduation	4	POLS 2XXX, 3XXX, or 4XXX elective or Cognate <i>in-person or online</i> Attribute: Any outstanding required for graduation	4
AMST 5XXX Elective - counts as ASD or Cognate for POLS & counts towards the MA degree = 3 credits	3	3XXX or 4XXX General Studies (GEN, GSS, GNM, GAH) <i>in-person or online</i>	4
AMST 5000 Proseminar in American Studies (required) - counts as ASD or Cognate for POLS & counts towards the MA degree = 3 credits	3	AMST 5001 Research Methods in AMST (required) - counts as ASD or Cognate for POLS & counts towards the MA degree = 3 credits	3
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	14	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	15

FOURTH-YEAR OPTION B: Washington Internship or Study Abroad

Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
Washington D.C. Internship (WASH) or Study Abroad course	4	POLS 4695 Senior Seminar (required) <i>in-person</i> Attribute: W2 -also counts towards the MA degree = 3 credits toward MA & 4 for the B.A.	4
Washington D.C. Internship (WASH) or Study Abroad course (2 courses)	8	AMST 5XXX Elective - counts as ASD or Cognate for POLS & counts towards the MA degree = 3 credits	3
Washington D.C. Internship (WASH) or Study Abroad course	4	AMST 5XXX Elective - counts as ASD or Cognate for POLS & counts towards the MA degree = 3 credits	3
		AMST 5001 Research Methods in AMS (required) - counts as ASD or Cognate for POLS & counts towards the MA degree = 3 credits	3
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	16	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	13

TO DO:

- **REQUIRED:** With 96+ credits and a 3.2 GPA in POLS, declare the AMST M.A. Concentration and start your Master's work in your senior year. Senior Year credits count toward both your B.A. and M.A. degrees.
- Apply for graduation for the BA degree in Political Science. Deadline is Feb 1.

- Meet again with your Preceptor!
- Apply for Pi Sigma Alpha Honors (if you haven't already)
- Request letters of recommendation from your professors
- Present a paper at the [Pi Sigma Alpha Undergraduate Conference](#) or other conference
- Submit a paper for publication at the [Pi Sigma Alpha Undergraduate Journal of Politics](#) or other forum

Total B.A. Credit Hours = 128

FIFTH-YEAR OPTION A: On Campus Senior Year + M.A. American Studies Program			
Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
AAMST 5xxx Elective	3	AMST 5xxx Elective	3
AMST 5xxx Elective	3	AMST 5xxx Elective	3
AMST 5xxx Elective	3	AMST 5XXX Elective	3
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	9	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	9

FIFTH-YEAR OPTION B: WASH/Study Abroad + M.A. American Studies Program			
Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
AMST 5000 Proseminar in American Studies (required)	3	AMST 5xxx Elective	3
AMST 5xxx Elective	3	AMST 5xxx Elective	3
AMST 5xxx Elective	3	AMST 5XXX Elective	3
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	9	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	9

Total Combined B.A. and M.A. Credit Hours = 146



4 + 1 Combined BACHELOR of ARTS (B.A.) in PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION (PHIL) & MASTERS OF ARTS (M.A.) in American Studies

School of Arts and Humanities (ARHU)

<https://stockton.edu/social-behavioral-sciences/political-science.html>

In this 5-year program, you stay only 1 additional year to earn an M.A. Courses in your senior year count towards both degrees. The suggested program of study shown below should be used in consultation with your preceptor(s). Every student will finish with a unique plan of their own depending on actual courses.

FIRST-YEAR			
Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
Choose a FIRST-YEAR SEMINAR 1) GXX 10XX Attribute: First-Year Seminar	4	PHIL 1204 Symbolic Logic Attribute: Q1	4
Choose a WRITING W1 course 1) PHIL 1203: Critical Thinking 2) FRST 1101 College Writing* G--- which meets W1 requirement Attribute: W1	4	PHIL 2403 History of Christian Thought I or PHIL 2109 Ancient Greek Philosophy Attribute: H-History or _____	4
PHIL 2242 Philosophy and Film	4	1XXX or 2XXX General Studies (GEN, GSS, GNM, GAH) or At-Some-Distance (ASD) Attribute: Subscripts, R, or Q	4
PHIL 1200 Introduction to Buddhism or PHIL 1101 Introduction to Philosophy Attribute: I-International or V-Value	4	1XXX or 2XXX General Studies (GEN, GSS, GNM, GAH) or At-Some-Distance (ASD) Attribute: Subscripts, R, or Q	4
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- Learn about Campus Services & Resources like the [Dean of Students](#) and [Wellness Center](#) for your [mental](#) and [physical health](#)
- Find other services like [Military & Veteran Services](#) or other offices for support
- Search [Osprey Hub](#) for Clubs & Events like Model UN and Amnesty International
- Add a [Minor](#) & explore other course options
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- Visit the library & find locations to study on campus
- Write for [The Argo](#), Stockton’s Independent paper

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WHAT DO I NEED TO GRADUATE WITH MY BA?

- 32-48 credits in PHIL
- 16-32 credits Cognate
- 32 credits General Studies courses
- 32 credits At Some Distance (ASD) or additional GENS =
- **128 TOTAL Credits**

Other Requirements as part of your 128 B.A. credits:

- Writing: 4 W1/W2 courses (2 can be transferred) w/ a C or higher
- Math & Quantitative Analysis: 3 Q1/Q2 courses (2 Q1 can be transferred)
- Race & Racism Education: 2 R1/R2 courses (0 can be transferred)
- Arts (A), Values (V), History (H), & International (I): 1 course each
- Specific G-categories: 1 GEN, 2 GSS, 2 GNM, 2 GAH, 1 GIS

Hint: Search for courses that fulfill multiple university requirements!

SECOND-YEAR

Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
PHIL 2211 Social and Political Philosophy Attributes: W2 and V	4	PHIL 2112 Ethics: Theory and Practice or PHIL 2402 Judaism, Christianity, Islam Attributes: W2 and V	4
PHIL 2121 Chinese Philosophy or PHIL 2404 History of Christian Thought II Attribute: I or H	4	PHIL 2118 Pragmatism or PHIL 2268 Church and State in America	4
PHIL 2201 African American Philosophy Attribute: R2	4	2XXX General Studies (GEN, GSS, GNM, GAH) or ASD or Cognate Attribute: Be sure to look for subscripts, R, W, or Q	4
2XXX General Studies (GEN, GSS, GNM, GAH) or ASD or Cognate Attribute: Be sure to look for subscripts, R, W, or Q	4	2XXX General Studies (GEN, GSS, GNM, GAH) or ASD or GAH 2275 INTRO TO AMERICAN STUDIES (recommended if available)	4
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	16	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	16

TO DO:

- Meet with your Preceptor
- Choose area of specialty for cognate
- **Apply for Phi Sigma Tau Honors** if you meet the criteria for this Honors Designation and/or **Stockton Philosophical Society**
- Explore local internship opportunities
- Consider [Washington D.C. internship](#)
- Continue to get involved with [student clubs](#)
- Explore short-term & semester-long [study abroad opportunities](#)
- Consider adding a [Minor](#) if you haven't already
- Apply for [on-campus jobs](#)

OPTIONAL SUMMER EXPERIENCES

- **Join a Professor in a Summer Intensive Research Experience (SIRE) course**
- **Do an Independent Study on a topic of interest**
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- Conduct Research with Your Professors through Independent Studies, [Board of Trustees Fellowships](#), and more
- Explore your academic, professional, and personal interests through our unique degree program that includes General Studies and At-Some-Distance courses in a variety of subject areas
- Travel abroad for 1-2 weeks as part of a Stockton Class! [Faculty-Led Programs \(FLP\)](#) provide many options
- Study Abroad for the [entire semester or year](#) with credits counting towards your B.A. degree

IN FIVE YEARS AT STOCKTON YOU CAN:

- Add a Minor (see the list [here](#))
- Complete a Local Internship for credit towards your B.A. degree
- Get Involved with Student Clubs like Amnesty International, Student Senate, multicultural clubs, etc.
- Take Summer Courses to stay on track with your degree plan

THIRD-YEAR

Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
PHIL 3130 Environmental Philosophy Attribute: W2	4	PHIL 2XXX or 3XXX	4
PHIL 3607 or 3619 History of Modern Philosophy I or II Attribute: W2	4	PHIL 3613 Feminist Philosophies	4
PHIL 3112 Philosophy East and West or PHIL 3100 Moral Theory	4	2XXX, 3XXX, or 4XXX General Studies (GEN, GSS, GNM, GAH) Attribute: Any outstanding required for graduation	4
2XXX or 3XXX General Studies (GEN, GSS, GNM, GAH) or ASD or Cognate Attribute: Any outstanding required for graduation	4	3XXX or 4XXX GIS capstone course for General Studies (required) Attribute: Any outstanding required for graduation	4
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	16	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	16

TO DO:

- Consider a wide range of interdisciplinary G courses
- Continue to see your Preceptor
- Plan your [Washington D.C. Internship Program](#)
- Start your post-college planning! Visit the [Career Center](#)
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- Join a Professor in a Summer Intensive Research Experience (SIRE) course
- Do an Independent Study on a topic of interest
- Take [Summer Courses](#) in Cognate, General Studies, or ASD *in-person or online*

FOURTH-YEAR OPTION A: On Campus Senior Year

Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
PHIL 3615 Philosophical Methods Attribute: W2	4	PHIL 4600 Senior Seminar (required) Attribute: W2 May count towards the MA degree up to 12 credits total	4
PHIL 2406 Modern Issues in Religious Studies or PHIL 2407 Philosophy of Religion	4	PHIL 3XXX or 4XXX elective or Cognate	4
3XXX or 4XXX General Studies (GEN, GSS, GNM, GAH) Attribute: Any outstanding required for graduation OR AMST 5XXX Elective - counts as ASD or Cognate for PHIL & counts towards the MA degree	4	3XXX or 4XXX General Studies (GEN, GSS, GNM, GAH) Attribute: Any outstanding required for graduation OR AMST 5XXX Elective - counts as ASD or Cognate for PHIL & counts towards the MA degree (up to 12 credits total)	4
AMST 5000 Proseminar in American Studies - counts as ASD or Cognate for PHIL & counts towards the MA degree	4	AMST 5001 Research Methods in AMST - counts as ASD or Cognate for PHIL & counts towards the MA degree	4
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	16	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	16

FOURTH-YEAR OPTION B: Washington Internship or Study Abroad

Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
Washington D.C. Internship (WASH) or Study Abroad course	4	PHIL 4600 Senior Seminar (required) Attribute: W2 - May count towards the MA degree	4
Washington D.C. Internship (WASH) or Study Abroad course (2 courses)	8	POLS 2XXX, 3XXX, or 4XXX elective or Cognate	4
Washington D.C. Internship (WASH) or Study Abroad course	4	AMST 5XXX Elective - counts as ASD or Cognate for PHIL & counts towards the MA degree	4
		AMST 5001 Research Methods in AMS - counts as ASD or Cognate for PHIL & counts towards the MA degree	4
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	16	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	16

TO DO:

- **REQUIRED:** Declare the AMST M.A. Concentration and start your Master's work in your senior year. Senior Year credits count toward both your B.A. and M.A. degrees.
- Meet again with your Preceptor and apply for graduation before the deadline (Feb 1).
- Request letters of recommendation from your professors

- Present a paper at the Philadelphia Undergraduate Conference or other conference

Total B.A. Credit Hours = 128

FIFTH-YEAR OPTION A: On Campus Senior Year + M.A. American Studies Program			
Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
AAMST 5xxx Elective	3	AMST 5xxx Elective	3
AMST 5xxx Elective	3	AMST 5xxx Elective	3
AMST 5xxx Elective	3	AMST 5XXX Elective	3
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	9	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	9

FIFTH-YEAR OPTION B: WASH/Study Abroad + M.A. American Studies Program			
Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
AMST 5000 Proseminar in American Studies	3	AMST 5xxx Elective	3
AMST 5xxx Elective	3	AMST 5xxx Elective	3
AMST 5xxx Elective	3	AMST 5XXX Elective	3
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	9	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	9

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