The American Studies minor is an interdisciplinary minor allowing students to achieve a broad sense of America through courses in a variety of departments, such as English, History, Music, Philosophy, Religious Studies, Sociology, and Visual Arts.

Organization and Governance:

- Faculty and Students make up the American Studies minor. Faculty members who wish to teach a course for the minor have those courses approved by all faculty members participating in the minor.
- The Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee and the University Curriculum Committee must also approve new courses for the minor.

Professional Responsibilities

- Faculty participating in the minor are expected to carry out all the duties the university contractually requires of faculty, most notably being active in teaching, research, and service.
- Faculty are expected to participate in faculty development to keep abreast of scholarship in American Studies.
- Faculty members are expected to do student evaluations for every class they teach. They may also do specific ones with American Studies minors in the course.

Tenure and Promotion in Rank:

- Faculty members teaching American Studies courses go through the process of achieving tenure through their individual departments.
- Faculty members also achieve promotion through the processes of their department.

Advising:

- Aside from their major advisor, students who participate in the American Studies minor also meet with either Mary McCay or David Moore for advising in the minor.

Student Activities:

- Students participating the American Studies minor have several opportunities to have their work published either through the English, History, or Philosophy
departments. Each of those departments has a journal for the publication of the best student critical work.

Support for Faculty Teaching in the Minor:

- Faculty members have a right to expect support from their major department for courses being taught in the minor. Since all courses in the American Studies minor also serve as major or common curriculum courses, individual departments are responsible for clerical support, office space, and access to faculty development.