

# American Studies Minor

## Establish initial assessment standards

**Goal Description:**

Coordinator will work with interdisciplinary faculty to establish program goals related to the following:

Critical Thinking

Student understanding of diverse American Experiences.

Student understanding of the intersection of various disciplines in American Studies

**Providing Department:** American Studies Minor

RELATED ITEMS/ELEMENTS -----

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 1

**Critical Thinking**

**Learning Objective Description:**

Students will gain the ability to apply critical thinking to an analysis of the American Experience through interdisciplinary coursework.

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 2

**Develop indicators for critical thinking**

**Indicator Description:**

Program will development instruments/assessments/indicators for critical thinking within the disciplines.

**Criterion Description:**

Criteria will be established after Indicators are developed.

**Findings Description:**

There were not findings on this indicator. Assessment models still being developed.

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 3

**Action - Critical Thinking**

**Action Description:**

New coordinator and committee will establish critical thinking indicators.

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 1

**Diverse American Experience**

**Learning Objective Description:**

Students will gain an understanding of the varied and diverse American experiences, often differentiated by race, economic status, religion, sexual identity, and other factors

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 2

**Establish Assessment/Indicators for Diverse American Experience**

**Indicator Description:**

The program will develop assessment measures for students' understanding of the varied and diverse American experiences, often differentiated by race, economic status, religion, sexual identity, and other factors

**Criterion Description:**

There will be no set criteria until assessment/indicators are developed.

**Findings Description:**

There were not findings on this indicator. Assessment models still being developed.

**RELATED ITEM LEVEL 3****Action/Diversity--Committee Meeting****Action Description:**

New coordinator and committee will establish strategies and indicators for integrating significant diversity into the program.

**RELATED ITEM LEVEL 1****Interdisciplinary intersections****Learning Objective Description:**

Students will gain an understanding of the various ways diverse academic disciplines add to a more comprehensive discussion of American Studies.

**RELATED ITEM LEVEL 2****Establish Indicators/Assessments for Interdisciplinary Intersections****Indicator Description:**

The program will develop measures for students' understanding the various ways diverse academic disciplines add to a more comprehensive discussion of American Studies.

**Criterion Description:**

Criteria will be established once Indicators/assessments are developed.

**Findings Description:**

There were not findings on this indicator. Assessment models still being developed.

**RELATED ITEM LEVEL 3****Action - Interdisciplinary Intersections****Action Description:**

New coordinator and committee will establish best strategies and indicators for interdisciplinary intersections.

**RELATED ITEM LEVEL 1****Recruiting****New Update to Previous Cycle's Plan for Continuous Improvement Item****Previous Cycle's Plan For Continuous Improvement (Do Not Modify):****Closing Summary**

In Fall 22 and Spring 23 the American Studies minor committee will meet to establish a more robust PCI. In particular, the program coordinator will propose some ideas for recruitment strategies and student retention for the American Studies minor and open a dialogue for input and feedback on those strategies. In addition, the American Studies committee will need to develop criteria and methods for program assessment. This is especially important when considering the program is cross-disciplinary and students have different majors and therefore different disciplinary homes.

**Update of Progress to the Previous Cycle's PCI:**

- 1) Discussions were had about program strategies, but nothing has been adopted to this point for assessment purposes.
- 2) Coordinator of the program has left SHSU

**New Plan for Continuous Improvement Item****Closing Summary:**

- 1) Appoint a new coordinator for the American Studies minor.
- 2) Establish firm assessment indicators and tools for assessment.
- 3) Continue to develop recruiting strategies for the minor.