

**THE SCHOOL OF ARTS, LANGUAGES & CULTURES  
PROGRAMME STRUCTURE**

For students studying on programme:	<b>BA (Hons) American Studies 3 Year</b>
Level of study:	<b>Level 3</b>
Academic year of study:	<b>2026/27</b>
Programme Code:	<b>09506</b>
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**Please note:**

You have one compulsory course unit totalling 20 credits. You find the remaining 100 optional credits by choosing course units from List A. You may, if you wish, substitute 20 of those 100 credits with a free-choice course unit(s).

You may take up to 20 credits of course units at a second year level.

You may **not** take any credits of course units at a first year level.

Ideally, you should have 60 credits in each semester, but when choosing the 100 optional credits you wish to take, you must ensure:

- you have no fewer than 50 credits in either semester;
- you have no more than 70 credits in either semester;
- you have checked timetable details to ensure that you do not have any clashes.

**1:** You will be automatically enrolled onto the following compulsory course units by your Programme Administrator

AMER30002	Long Essay (semester 2)	20
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**2:** Choose **five** course units from List A

(or substitute 20 (one course unit) from List A with 20-credits free choice – see step 3 below)

		<b>Minimum credits 80</b>	<b>Maximum credits 100</b>
AMER30022	Slavery and the Old South (semester 2)		20
AMER30141	America Abroad: Non-State Actors and the Making of a World Power (semester 1)		20
AMER30162	Love American Style (semester 2)		20
AMER30221	History of California (semester 1)		20
AMER30381	Conspiracy Theories in American Culture (semester 1)		20
AMER30511	Harlem and the State of Urban America (semester 1)		20
AMER30572	Climate Change and Culture Wars (semester 2)		20
AMER30812	American Hauntings (semester 2)		20
AMER32271	James Baldwin in Context: Race, Sexuality and Activism (semester 1)		20

### 3: Choosing Free Choice

For free choice units available in the **School of Arts Languages and Cultures** please see:

<https://www.alc.manchester.ac.uk/student-intranet/study/your-programme/course-unit-selection/free-choice/>

A maximum of 20 credits can be taken as free choice outside of the School of Arts, Languages and Cultures.

For free choice units available from the **University College for Interdisciplinary Learning**, please see:

<http://www.college.manchester.ac.uk/units/>

For free choice units available from the **University Language Centre**, please see:

<https://www.alc.manchester.ac.uk/study/university-language-centre-leap-courses>

For a full list of free choice units available in the University, please select the My Courses tab within My Manchester: <https://portal.manchester.ac.uk/uPortal/p/course-unit-info.ctf1/max/render.uP>