

Recommended Electives List Journalism and Media Studies Majors

PLEASE NOTE: Not every course on this list is offered every semester. Please consult the course catalog and descriptions (available online) for prerequisite/permission information.

Journalism and Media Studies majors are required to complete six credits of “advanced related course work in any specialized area other than Television and Radio.” This is defined as any **two courses of 2000-level or higher** from **one subject** on this list.

For example, if you elect to take one Africana Studies course as an elective for the JAMS major, your other elective must also be in Africana Studies.

Contact the Director of Journalism and Media Studies (john@diymedia.net) about proposing the use of courses not on this list as electives for the JAMS major. Be prepared to offer a compelling rationale.

Africana Studies

- AFST 3102 – Contact, Contest and Independence: Africa Since 1800 (cross-listed as HIST 3561)
 - AFST 3120 – African American History through 1865 (cross-listed as HIST 3413)
 - AFST 3121 – African American History from 1865 (cross-listed as HIST 3414)
 - AFST 3125 – The Civil Rights and Black Power Movements (cross-listed as POLS 3151)
 - AFST 3130 – The Struggle for Liberation
 - AFST 3138 – The Black Diaspora in New York
 - AFST 3320 – The Black Family
 - AFST 3324 – The Black Urban Experience
 - AFST 3328 – Race and Ethnicity (cross-listed as SOCY 2601)
 - AFST 3330 – Blacks and the Law
 - AFST 3331 – Blacks in the American Criminal Justice System (cross-listed as SOCY 2502)
 - AFST 3335 – The Black Child and the Urban Education System
 - AFST 3337 – Black Entrepreneurship in America
 - AFST 3360 – The Black Woman in America (cross-listed as WGST 3446)
 - AFST 3365 – African Women and Feminism (cross-listed as POLS 3412 and WGST 3447)
 - AFST 3367 – Black Men in the United States
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American Studies

- AMST 3102 – The Frontier in American Culture
- AMST 3106 – Religious Experience in America (cross-listed as HIST 3416)
- AMST 3108 – American Dreams and Realities (cross-listed as HIST 3472)
- AMST 3107W – Critical Writing on the Politics of Race and Nation (cross-listed as POLS 3191W)
- AMST 3212 – Decade in Crisis: The 1960s
- AMST 3304 – The Immigrant Experience in Literature, Film, and Photography (cross-listed as ENGL 3165)
- AMST 3307 – Transnational America (cross-listed as ENGL 3167)

American Studies (continued)

AMST 3310 – Digital Life Stories: Chicana/Latina Testimonio (cross-listed as WGST 3152 and PRLS 2250)

AMST 3406 – American Popular Culture (cross-listed as HIST 3462)

AMST 3708 – Performing America: Nation, Identity, and the Arts (cross-listed as MUSC 2107)

Anthropology and Archaeology

ANTH 2320 – Texting and Talking

ANTH 3120W – Ethnography

ANTH 3130 – Urban and Transnational Anthropology

ANTH 3155 – Health and Globalization

ANTH 3170 – Women: Anthropological Perspectives (cross-listed as WGST 3218)

ANTH 3180 – Visual Anthropology

ANTH 3310 – Anthropology of Language, Sex, and Gender (cross-listed as WGST 3213)

ANTH 3395 – Anthropological Perspectives on Intercultural Communication

Art

ARTD 2710 – Photography I

ARTD 2811 – Introduction to Digital Art

ARTD 3084 – History of Photography

ARTD 3167 – Visual Culture Studies

ARTD 3171 – Iconoclasm: Mutilating, Burying, and Destroying Images from Antiquity to the Present

Biology

BIOL 3030W – Scientific Writing

BIOL 3083 – Principles of Ecology

Children and Youth Studies

CHST 2100W – Perspectives on Childhood

CHST 3126 – Generation Next: Adolescence and Youth Culture in Cross Cultural Perspective

CHST 3130 – Children of New York

CHST 3310 – Children and the Law

CHST 3430 – Children and the Media

CHST 3610 – Children in Crisis

CHST 3620 – Child Abuse and Neglect

CHST 3630 – Child Well-Being in a Global World: Focus on the United States

Chinese

CHIN 2435 – Chinese for the Media

CHIN 2810 – Studies in Chinese Media

Economics

- ECON 2100 – Elementary Macroeconomics (cross-listed as BUSN 2100)
ECON 3165 – American Economic History (cross-listed as HIST 3470)
ECON 3252 – Environmental and Natural Resource Economics
ECON 3500 – Health Economics and Policy (cross-listed as BUSN 3500)
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English

- ENGL 2402 – The Press in America
ENGL 3165 – The Immigrant Experience in Literature, Film, and Photography (cross-listed as AMST 3304)
ENGL 3167 – Transnational America (cross-listed as AMST 3307)
ENGL 3180 – Literature and Cultural Diversity
ENGL 3402 – Feature Writing
ENGL 3403 – Reporting
ENGL 3404 – Editing
ENGL 3405 – Magazine Journalism
ENGL 3406 – Business Journalism
ENGL 3407 – Introduction to Multimedia Journalism
ENGL 4401 – News Laboratory
ENGL 4402 – Seminar: Topics in Journalism
ENGL 4403 – Beat Reporting
ENGL 5401 – Journalism Internship
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Film

- FILM 2118 – Current Cinema and Criticism
FILM 2120 – The Nonfiction Film
FILM 2601 – Location Sound
FILM 2902 – History of the Motion Picture Industry
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Finance and Business Management

- BUSN 2000 – Business and Finance in the Contemporary World
BUSN 2010 – Professional Development and Success
BUSN 2100 – Elementary Macroeconomics (cross-listed as ECON 2100)
BUSN 2300 – Personal Finance
BUSN 3023 – Business and Government
BUSN 3024 – Labor Relations in a Free Society
BUSN 3100 – Principles of Marketing
BUSN 3120 – Electronic Commerce (cross-listed as CISC *1530)
BUSN 3220 – Negotiation and Conflict Resolution
BUSN 3230 – Small Business Management and Minority Entrepreneurship
BUSN 3250 – Gender Diversity in the Workplace: A Global Perspective (cross-listed as WGST 3345)
BUSN 3251 – Workplace Values and Happiness (cross-listed as PHIL 3335)
BUSN 3252 – Stress Management in Workplace Settings

Finance and Business Management (continued)

BUSN 3360 – Fraudulent Reporting and Forensic Financial Analysis

BUSN 3500 – Health Economics and Policy (cross-listed as ECON 3500)

Health and Nutrition Sciences

HNSC 2100 – Introduction to Public Health

HNSC 2180 – Women’s Health: A Feminist Perspective (cross-listed as WGST 3606)

HNSC 2183 – Health Communication (cross-listed as SPEC 4666)

History

HIST 3210 – Terror and Terrorism in Modern Europe

HIST 3209 – Europe Since 1945

HIST 3243 – The History of the Holocaust (cross-listed as JUST 3050)

HIST 3325 – Slavery in the Atlantic World

HIST 3328 – History of Sexuality in the Americas (cross-listed as WGST 3238)

HIST 3330 – The Modern City in the Western World

HIST 3335 – History of Feminism (cross-listed as WGST 3230)

HIST 3339 – History of the Future

HIST 3345 – The United States and Middle East

HIST 3360 – Main Currents in Contemporary World History

HIST 3401 – America to 1877

HIST 3402 – America since 1865

HIST 3403 – American Social History through the Civil War

HIST 3404 – American Social History from Reconstruction

HIST 3405 – Ideas That Made America, 1607-1865

HIST 3406 – American Thought from the Civil War

HIST 3410 – American Constitutional History

HIST 3412 – Afro-American History

HIST 3413 – African American History through 1865 (cross-listed as AFST 3120)

HIST 3414 – African American History from 1865 (cross-listed as AFST 3121)

HIST 3416 – Religious Experience in America (cross-listed as AMST 3106)

HIST 3418 – Daughters of the Promised Land: Women in American History (cross-listed as WGST 3228)

HIST 3440 – The Long Gilded Age, 1865-1930

HIST 3441 – Twentieth-Century America: 1914-1945

HIST 3442 – Twentieth-Century America: 1945-present

HIST 3450 – United States Foreign Relations Since 1898

HIST 3452 – Americans at War in the 20th and 21st Century

HIST 3453 – The US and the Vietnam War

HIST 3455 – Immigration and Ethnicity in American History

HIST 3460 – The Public and the Past: Encountering History Outside the Classroom

HIST 3462 – American Popular Culture (cross-listed as AMST 3406)

HIST 3470 – American Economic History (cross-listed as ECON 3165)

HIST 3472 – American Dreams and Realities (cross-listed as AMST 3108)

History (continued)

- HIST 3475 – American Environmental History
HIST 3476 – Cities and Nature in American History
HIST 3475 – American Environmental History
HIST 3478 – Medicine and Health in American History
HIST 3479 – Bad Habits: Defining/Controlling the “Minor Vices” in 20th Century America
HIST 3480 – The History of New York City
HIST 3485 – Brooklyn History
HIST 3512 – Modern Latin America
HIST 3517 – History of the Modern Caribbean
HIST 3520 – History of Social Movements in Latin America (cross-listed as PRLS 3225)
HIST 3534 – Revolutionary China
HIST 3545 – Women in Indian History, 1800-Present (cross-listed as WGST 3332)
HIST 3550 – History of the Middle East in the Twentieth Century
HIST 3561 – Contact, Contest and Independence: Africa Since 1800 (cross-listed as AFST 3102)
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Italian

- ITAL 2435 – Italian for the Media
ITAL 3525 – Contemporary Italian Culture in America
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Judaic Studies

- JUST 3013 – From Ghetto to Emancipation
JUST 3047 – American Jewish History
JUST 3050 – The History of the Holocaust (cross-listed as HIST 3243)
JUST 3115 – History of Zionism
JUST 3485 – Jews of New York
JUST 3489 – Jews of Brooklyn
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Philosophy

- PHIL 3130 – American Philosophy
PHIL 3210 – Reasoning
PHIL 3211W – Reasoning
PHIL 3215 – Reasoning and Rationality
PHIL 3305 – Ethics and Personal Relations
PHIL 3306 – Ethics and Society
PHIL 3307 – Global Ethics
PHIL 3308 – Race, Justice, and Equality
PHIL 3309 – Environmental Ethics
PHIL 3310 – Fundamentals of Professional Ethics
PHIL 3314 – Moral Issues in Business
PHIL 3315 – Communication Ethics (cross-listed as COMM 3200)
PHIL 3318W – Computers and Ethics
PHIL 3320 – Foundations of Ethics

Philosophy (continued)

- PHIL 3325 – Theory of Value
 - PHIL 3326 – Moral Psychology
 - PHIL 3335 – Workplace Values and Happiness (cross-listed as BUSN 3251)
 - PHIL 3423 – Philosophy and Artificial Intelligence (cross-listed as CISC *1410 and PSYC 3580)
 - PHIL 3605 – Philosophy of Technology
 - PHIL 3702 – Philosophy of Culture
 - PHIL 3704 – Social Philosophy
 - PHIL 3711 – Philosophy of Education
 - PHIL 3714 – Philosophy of Economics
 - PHIL 3720 – Philosophy and Feminism (cross-listed as WGST 3135)
 - PHIL 3721 – Jewish Philosophy
 - PHIL 3722 – Asian Philosophy
 - PHIL 3723 – African-American Philosophy
 - PHIL 3724 – Latin American Philosophy
 - PHIL 3725 – Philosophy of Race
 - PHIL 3726 – Queer Philosophy (cross-listed as WGST 3137)
 - PHIL 3740 – Philosophy of Law
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Political Science

- POLS 3101 – United States Congress and the Legislative Process
- POLS 3102 – The American Presidency
- POLS 3103 – American Political Parties
- POLS 3104 – Interest Groups and Money in United States Politics
- POLS 3105 – Campaigns and Elections
- POLS 3106 – Political Opinion and Behavior
- POLS 3120 – Law and the Political Process
- POLS 3121 – Constitutional Law
- POLS 3122 – Civil Rights and Civil Liberties
- POLS 3123 – The Politics of Criminal Justice
- POLS 3124 – The American Jury System
- POLS 3126 – The Politics of Incarceration
- POLS 3140 – Urban Government and Politics
- POLS 3141 – Urban Life and Politics
- POLS 3142 – Power in the United States
- POLS 3143 – Community Power Analysis
- POLS 3144 – Politics of New York: Global City
- POLS 3145 – Beyond Voting: Political Participation in Direct Democracy and Civil Society
- POLS 3155 – Queer Politics in Modern America (cross-listed as WGST 3330)
- POLS 3156 – Brooklyn and Its Religions
- POLS 3191W – Critical Writing on the Politics of Race and Nation (cross-listed as AMST 3107W)
- POLS 3141 – Urban Life and Politics
- POLS 3142 – Power in the United States
- POLS 3143 – Community Power Analysis
- POLS 3144 – Politics of New York: Global City

Political Science (continued)

- POLS 3150 – Racial and Ethnic Politics in the United States
- POLS 3151 – The Civil Rights and Black Power Movements (cross-listed as AFST 3125)
- POLS 3152 – Women and Politics in the United States (cross-listed as WGST 3351)
- POLS 3154 – Politics of the U.S. Labor Movement
- POLS 3157 – Women in the Black Freedom Struggle (cross-listed as WGST 3350)
- POLS 3160 – Politics and the Media
- POLS 3190W – Writing on American Politics
- POLS 3201 – Basic Factors in International Politics
- POLS 3203 – Political Economy of International Relations
- POLS 3221 – United States in World Politics
- POLS 3240 – International Law
- POLS 3242 – International Political Movements
- POLS 3243 – Human Rights and World Politics
- POLS 3244 – Political Economy of Migration
- POLS 3301 – Politics of Developing Nations
- POLS 3304 – Latin American Political Systems
- POLS 3305 – Caribbean Political Systems
- POLS 3307 – Politics of the Middle East
- POLS 3340 – Protest and Revolution
- POLS 3341 – Global Gender Politics (cross-listed as WGST 3357)
- POLS 3322 – Political Economy of Development
- POLS 3345 – Comparative Social Policy
- POLS 3346 – Politics of Happiness
- POLS 3391W – Writing on the Politics of Global Production: Call Centers, Computer Tablets, and Clothing
- POLS 3393W – Critical Writing on African Women and Feminism (cross-listed as WGST 3349W)
- POLS 3402 – Modern Political Thought
- POLS 3403 – Contemporary Political Thought
- POLS 3404 – American Political Theory
- POLS 3410 – Radical Political Thought
- POLS 3411 – Gender and Political Theory (cross-listed as WGST 3356)
- POLS 3412 – African Women and Feminism (cross-listed as AFST 3365 and WGST 3447)
- POLS 3413 – Islam and Modernity
- POLS 3414 – Politics and Religion
- POLS 3415 – Biopolitics
- POLS 3416 – The Politics of Queer Theory (cross-listed as WGST 3359)
- POLS 3422 – Statistics in Political Science
- POLS 3441 – Problems in Modern Democracy
- POLS 3442 – Politics and Sexuality (cross-listed as WGST 3354)
- POLS 3443 – Politics of Fear
- POLS 3444 – Writing Politics
- POLS 3445 – Counterrevolution
- POLS 3446 – Transgender Theories and Politics (cross-listed as WGST 3352 and SOCY 3446)
- POLS 3650 – Seminar in New York City Government, Politics, and Social Movements

Psychology

- PSYC 2040 – The American Urban Experience: Psychological Perspectives
PSYC 3580 – Philosophy and Artificial Intelligence (cross-listed as CISC *1410 and PHIL 3423)
PSYC 3590 – Psychology of the Arts
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Puerto Rican and Latino Studies

- PRLS 2105 – New York Latino@ Culture and the Arts
PRLS 2250 – Digital Life Stories: Chicana/Latina Testimonio (cross-listed as WGST 3152 and AMST 3310)
PRLS 2320 – Afro-Latin@: Black, Latin@, or Both?
PRLS 3205 – Women in Puerto Rican and Latin American Societies
PRLS 3215 – Borderlands and Homelands in the U.S. Mexican Experience
PRLS 3225 – History of Social Movements in Latin America (cross-listed as HIST 3520)
PRLS 3320W – Puerto Rican Communities in the United States: Settlement and Evolution
PRLS 3325 – Institutions of Urban Life and the Latino/a Experience
PRLS 3335 – Latino/as in the Media
PRLS 3340 – Critical Issues in Puerto Rican and Latino/a Studies
PRLS 4410 – Bilingualism in the 21st Century
PRLS 4430 – Spanish for Prospective Bilingual Professionals
PRLS 4510 – Emerging Realities and Alternatives for Puerto Ricans and Other Latino/as in the United States
PRLS 4605 – Community Organization and Service to the Puerto Rican/Latino/a Community
PRLS 4645 – Puerto Ricans and Dominicans: Comparative Perspectives and Contemporary Issues
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Sociology

- SOCY 2102 – Contemporary Social Theory
SOCY 2200 – Urban Life and Culture
SOCY 2201 – Sociology of the Environment
SOCY 2401 – Sociology of Children
SOCY 2500 – Social Problems
SOCY 2501 – Deviant Behavior
SOCY 2502 – Blacks in the American Criminal Justice System (cross-listed as AFST 3331)
SOCY 2600 – Gender and Society (cross-listed as WGST 3420)
SOCY 2601 – Race and Ethnicity (cross-listed as AFST 3328)
SOCY 2602 – Social Class
SOCY 2604 – Social Change
SOCY 2605 – Social Interaction
SOCY 2701 – Sociology of Science and Technology
SOCY 2800 – Mass Communications and Mass Media
SOCY 3202 – Race, Class and Environmental Justice
SOCY 3203 – Consumer Society and Consumer Culture
SOCY 3204 – Urban Sociology
SOCY 3205 – Sociology of Globalization and Sustainability
SOCY 3206 – Sociology of Immigration

Sociology (continued)

- SOCY 3303 – Contemporary Urban Social Welfare Policy (cross-listed as WGST 3122)
SOCY 3304 – Drug Use and Drug Policy in the United States
SOCY 3446 – Transgender Theories and Politics (cross-listed as WGST 3352 and POLS 3446)
SOCY 3503 – Sociology and the Law
SOCY 3505 – Sociology of Public Health
SOCY 3605 – Social Movements
SOCY 3606 – Political Sociology
SOCY 3607 – Working 9-5? The Sociology of Work in the U.S. (cross-listed as WGST 3229)
SOCY 3608 – Workers United: The Sociology of Labor and Capital (cross-listed as WGST 3319)
SOCY 3609 – Balancing Acts: Negotiating Work and Family Life in the Contemporary United States (cross-listed as WGST 3318)
SOCY 3802 – Visual Sociology
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Spanish

- SPAN 2435 – Spanish for the Media
SPAN 2915 – Exploring Hispanic Cultures Through the Press
SPAN 3520 – History of Latin American Cultures
SPAN 3525 – Contemporary Latin American Cultures
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Speech Communication Arts and Sciences

- SPEC 2623 – Interpersonal Communication for Business and Professions
SPEC 2719 – Argumentation
SPEC 4625 – Gender and Communication
SPEC 4646 – Conflict and Negotiation
SPEC 4666 – Health Communication (cross-listed as HNSC 2183)
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Women's and Gender Studies

- WGST 2100 – Fundamental Concepts in LGBTQ
WGST 3122 – Current Issues in Social Welfare Policy (cross-listed as SOCY 3303)
WGST 3135 – Philosophy and Feminism (cross-listed as PHIL 3720)
WGST 3137 – Queer Philosophy (cross-listed as PHIL 3726)
WGST 3152 – Digital Life Stories: Chicana/Latina Testimonio (cross-listed as PRLS 2250 and AMST 3310)
WGST 3213 – Anthropology of Language, Sex, and Gender (cross-listed as ANTH 3310)
WGST 3218 – Women: Anthropological Perspectives (cross-listed as ANTH 3170)
WGST 3228 – Daughters of the Promised Land: Women in American History (cross-listed as HIST 3418)
WGST 3229 – Working 9-5? The Sociology of Work in the U.S. (cross-listed as SOCY 3607)
WGST 3230 – History of Feminism (cross-listed as HIST 3335)
WGST 3238 – History of Sexuality in the Americas (cross-listed as HIST 3328)
WGST 3318 – Balancing Acts: Negotiating Work and Family Life in the Contemporary United States (cross-listed as SOCY 3609)

Women's and Gender Studies (continued)

WGST 3319 – Workers United: The Sociology of Labor and Capital (cross-listed as SOCY 3608)

WGST 3328 – Women, War, and Peace

WGST 3330 – Queer Politics in Modern America (cross-listed as POLS 3155)

WGST 3332 – Women in Indian History, 1800-Present (cross-listed as HIST 3545)

WGST 3340 – Sex, Power, Money: Political Economy of Women in the United States

WGST 3341W – Sex, Power, Money: Political Economy of Women in the United States

WGST 3345 – Gender Diversity in the Workplace: A Global Perspective (cross-listed as BUSN 3250)

WGST 3349W – Critical Writing on African Women and Feminism (cross-listed as POLS 3393W)

WGST 3350 – Women in the Black Freedom Struggle (cross-listed as POLS 3157)

WGST 3351 – Women and Politics in the United States (cross-listed as POLS 3152)

WGST 3352 – Transgender Theories and Politics (cross-listed as SOCY 3446 and POLS 3446)

WGST 3354 – Politics and Sexuality (cross-listed as POLS 3442)

WGST 3356 – Gender and Political Theory (cross-listed as POLS 3411)

WGST 3357 – Global Gender Politics (cross-listed as POLS 3341)

WGST 3359 – The Politics of Queer Theory (cross-listed as POLS 3416)

WGST 3420 – Gender and Society (cross-listed as SOCY 2600)

WGST 3441 – Women in the Cities

WGST 3446 – The Black Woman in America (cross-listed as AFST 3360)

WGST 3447 – African Women and Feminism (cross-listed as AFST 3365 and POLS 3412)

WGST 3449 – Dialogue to Truth: The Female Voice in Education

WGST 3501 – Women and Reproductive Rights

WGST 3510 – Feminist Theories

WGST 3606 – Women's Health: A Feminist Perspective (cross-listed as HNSC 2180)

WGST 3610 – Gender and the Information Age