September 2005 marked the beginning of Western’s American Studies BA Program, one of only a handful in Canada. This exciting and innovative program focuses on literature, history, cultural criticism, politics, government, music and the visual arts, in an effort to better understand the meaning and significance of the American identity.

A degree in American Studies prepares Canadian students for a host of possibilities that demand an understanding of the culture and politics of the United States. Possible careers include government jobs, teaching, business, journalism, broadcasting, tourism, and advanced research.

**Admission Requirements**
Completion of first-year requirements with no failures. Students must have an average of at least 70% in 3.0 principal courses including American Studies 1020 plus 2.0 additional courses from Political Science 1020E, a first-year History, or a first-year English, with no mark in these principal courses below 60%.

**Module: 9.0 courses**

1.0 course: American Studies 2200E: Advanced American Studies
1.0 course from:
English 2017: Reading Popular Culture
English 2308E: American Literature Survey

1.0 course: History 2301E: United States, Colonial Period - Present
1.0 course: Political Science 2244E: American Government & Politics

2.0 courses from:
American Studies 2230-2231F/G: Selected Topics
American Studies 3330-3340F/G: Selected Topics
English 2210F/G: Contemporary Theory and Criticism
English 2250F/G: Introduction to Cultural Studies
English 3666F/G: American Drama
English 3667F/G: Topics in American Literature

History 2303F/G: The Crucible of the Modern World
History 3807E: The Jewish Immigrant Experience in America

1.0 course from:
History 3301E: Colonial British History
History 3305E: The United States 1783-1901
History 3307E: American Popular Culture (King’s)
History 3309E: The American South (King’s)
History 3311F/G: African American History I (Huron)
History 3311P: African-American History II (Huron)
History 3321E: Topics in American Social & Cultural History
History 3326F/G: Atomic America: The United States in the 1950s
History 3391E-3395E, 3396F/G-3399F/G: Selected Topics
History 4301E: The United States in the Twentieth Century
History 4307E: Technology and Society in North America
History 4301E: Business and Government in the Modern World

1.0 course from:
Anthropology/FNS 2211F/G: Cultures of the Caribbean
Anthropology/FNS 2216F/G: Cultures of Latin America
Anthropology/FNS 2231F/G: Archaeology of North America
First Nations Studies 2132F/G: Cultures of Native North America

4.0 courses with no more than 2.0 from any one dept from:
History 2201E: Canada: Origins to the Present
History 2303F/G: The Crucible of the Modern World: The United States & the International Community, 1935-Present
History 3319E: Foreign Policy of the United States since 1775
History 3320E: Global America: The United States in World Affairs, 1700-Present
History 4701E: The United States in the Twentieth Century
History 4707E: Technology and Society in North America
History 4901E: Business and Government in the Modern World

The following degrees are offered:

**Honors Specialization in American Cultural Studies**
**Honors Specialization in Canadian-American Relations**
**Major in American Studies**
**Minor in American Studies**

Website: http://cas.uwo.ca/
Email: cas@uwo.ca
MAJOR IN AMERICAN STUDIES

Admission Requirements
Completion of first-year requirements, including American Studies 1020 and 1.0 course from Political Science 1020E, a first-year History, or a first-year English with a minimum mark of 60%.

Module: 6.0 courses
1.0 course:
American Studies 2200E: Advanced American Studies
2.0 courses from:
English 2308E: American Literature Survey
History 2301E: The United States Colonial Period to the Present
Political Science 2244E: American Government and Politics

MINOR IN AMERICAN STUDIES

Admission Requirements
Completion of first-year requirements, including American Studies 1020 and 1.0 course from Political Science 1020E, a first-year History, or a first-year English with a minimum mark of 60%.

Module: 4.0 courses
1.0 course:
American Studies 2200E: Advanced American Studies
1.0 course from:
English 2308E: American Literature Survey
History 2301E: The United States Colonial Period to the Present
Political Science 2244E: American Government and Politics
Film Studies 2253E: American Cinema
2.0 courses from:
American Studies 2230-2231F/G: Selected Topics
American Studies 3330-3340F/G: Selected Topics
Anthropology/FNS 2211F/G: Cultures of the Caribbean
Anthropology/FNS 2216F/G: Cultures of Latin America
Anthropology/FNS 2231F/G: Archaeology of North America
English 2017: Reading Popular Culture
English 3667F/G: Topics in American Literature
Geography 2142A/B: Geopolitics
History 2131A/B: The Presidency in American History
History 2132A/B: The History of American Popular Culture
History 2303F/G: The Crucible of the Modern World
History 2703F/G: The Cultural Mosaic and the Melting Pot
History 3305E: The United States, 1783-1901
History 3307E: American Popular Culture (King's)
History 3321E: Topics in US Social & Cultural History 1607-Present
History 3326F/G: Atomic America: The United States in the 1950s
History 3396F-3399F/G: Specialized Historical Studies
Political Science 2102A/B: Capitalism and Democracy
Political Science 2104: The United Nations in the New Millennium
Political Science 3317F/G: Interest Groups and Social Movements
Political Science 3326E: Canadian-American Relations

“ I have a dream... ”
Martin Luther King Jr.