Welcome to the American Studies Program. Founded in 1969, American Studies at Georgetown is among the oldest and most respected undergraduate American Studies programs in the country. The program is designed to challenge students collectively and individually to make connections across diverse fields of study. It is highly flexible and relies on students to follow their interests and take responsibility for their American Studies experience and scholarly pursuits.

This is a form we designed to help you think about your American Studies journey, and to help faculty and advisers aid you in your travels. Think of this form as a living document – one you can and should update and you learn more about yourself and your interests.

Questions:

1. Why may American Studies be a good fit for you? Reflect on your interests, courses, various discussions and/or experiences you’ve had.

2. What are some of your goals and aspirations as an American Studies major? Explain.

3. What are some potential questions or topics you may want to explore in your senior thesis?
4. For the sake of planning, please map out your plan for taking the required courses for the major. See the attached AMST CURRICULUM OVERVIEW. Be as specific as possible.

Remember, you must take at least one Civ III and Civ IV course during your Junior year, even if you’ve taken classes that count as Civ IIIs and IVs already. Why? Beginning in 2016, a team of faculty has been working to tailor these courses to Juniors who will be preparing for senior thesis. If you also want to study abroad Junior year (great idea!), plan to take your Civ III and IV during the same semester your Junior year.

Here’s a basic framework:

Sophomore - Am Civ I and II, two history courses, electives of interest

Junior – study abroad one semester, Am Civ III and IV and electives that may inform your thesis project and introduce you to potential faculty advisers

Senior – Sr Thesis I and II, electives

What is your plan? (fill in)

Sophomore - Am Civ I and II

Junior – Am Civ III and IV

Senior – Sr Thesis I and II

5. What questions do you have about the American Studies Program and/or major requirements?

6. Is there anything else about yourself that you’d like to share to help faculty and staff of the American Studies Program help make your experience as edifying as possible?

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Thanks!