

AMERICAN STUDIES DISTINGUISHED MAJORS PROGRAM  
UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA  
**Deadline: Friday, May 3, 2024**

Current third-year students with at least a 3.4 PGA in the College of Arts and Sciences and a 3.6 GPA in the major are eligible to pursue Distinction. DMPs take a yearlong independent study in their fourth year with a faculty advisor, with the goal of producing a thesis around 50 pages in length. DMPs also take an additional course, AMST 4999, the Distinguished Majors Thesis Seminar, in the spring of their fourth year.

It is highly recommended that you contact an AMST faculty member about being your advisor before submitting your application.

To apply, submit: 1) the form below; 2) a current transcript; and 3) a maximum one-page, double-spaced proposal of your intended thesis topic.

Return email the application materials (as a pdf document) to: Prof. David Coyoca at [wdc4r@virginia.edu](mailto:wdc4r@virginia.edu)

AMERICAN STUDIES DISTINGUISHED MAJORS APPLICATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Thesis Advisor (must be member of AMST faculty):

Have you contacted your proposed advisor? \_\_\_\_\_

GPA in College as of date of application: \_\_\_\_\_

GPA in American Studies as of application: \_\_\_\_\_

Questions:

Prof. David Coyoca

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