



# **LOOKING FOR THE PERFECT CLASS??**

Do you like hands-on projects?  
Do you like voicing your opinion?  
Do you like working with partners?  
Do you enjoy using technology?  
Would you like some choice in your assignments?

Well, look no further... how about ***American Studies?***

This class is designed for juniors who wish to satisfy the ***American Literature and the U.S. History requirement.*** A **two-period block** of time will be used to cover both American Literature and History in an integrated, chronological approach. Selected readings will emphasize the historical period as well as various themes within that period, from the Colonial Period and Reconstruction to Contemporary America. Students will respond to the literature in class discussions, activities, and journals that highlight the historical significance of the works. Students will be required to write essays that show their understanding of our American culture.

This unique class offers the opportunity to participate in ***"station Wednesdays."*** This day is devoted to four stations of twenty-five minutes each. These four stations will be I-Search/Project Research, Literature, History, and Multi-Media. Students will be grouped dependent on the current project.



**"I want you to come  
join the fun!"**

**American Studies  
offers students a  
change from the ordinary...**

Any questions, contact  
Mrs. Kuna (American History) Room 1210  
Mrs. Walker (American Literature) Room 1208

## TESTIMONIALS.....

American Studies is a good class for anyone who wants to learn history in a fun way. It's a good choice because you always get to work in groups. There are many projects, but once a week you get together with both classes and work on them. Putting the classes together is something I really like. It makes both periods go by so fast. With the classes combined, the things that we learn are easily tied together. It is a lot easier than having two completely different classes. So if you are thinking about what class to take, take American Studies. It is a really fun class without all of the novels!

- Amanda Griner

Before I took this course, I had heard mixed things about it. I was told by students that it was more interesting than regular History and English courses. I was also told by my counselor that the American Studies course did not do much together at all. In my experience with the courses, they have been better for learning because the topics of study in each of them have almost always been related. They stay in the same time period. The classes are more oriented in long-term projects and students who would do longer projects better than smaller assignments would do well in this class. I like this approach better because I can focus on one idea and let it sink in longer with more practice.

- Danny Rio

I believe combining two classes that are so close in concepts and time periods is a great idea. The way Mrs. Kuna teaches US History forces you to soak in the information. She gives you the information in so many ways. Literature is taught by Mrs. Walker. I believe by far she is the best teacher I have ever had. She teaches you not only about American Literature, but life skills and lessons. No matter what, everything is related to real life today. If you like to do projects and work in groups, this class will be great for you.

- Christina Rodriguez

American Studies is a wonderful course for those students who don't like to do so many projects for two or more classes at the same time. One project for two classes earns two grades. Both classes go by so fast that you don't even feel that the period has ended. My friends are always talking about how much homework and work they have to do for Literature and History. I always laugh at them and tell them they should have taken American Studies. This course is full of fun activities!

- Maria Mireles

American Studies is a good course for people who like doing many projects, or have a good sense of creativity. In this course there are many discussions on topics, so you may like it if you like to talk a lot about different issues with American Literature or Social Studies. During this course, there are many things you learn about for the first time. It may be very interesting, depending on how open you are to learning new things. You learn to use new concepts of thinking, which are very interesting.

- Mike Bueno

When deciding what course to take, think about what kind of learner you are. If you prefer to write constantly and analyze text all year, choosing a regular English and History class may be the best option for you. If you enjoy hands-on learning, doing group projects, enjoying two different classes as a whole, then definitely pick American Studies. This course has so much to offer! It is good to have change, so give it a try.

- Chris Brown