

SOUTHERN STUDIES

Department Website (https://sc.edu/study/colleges_schools/artsandsciences/centers_and_institutes/southern_studies/)

Southern Studies provide a framework for a robust examination of the American South and Southern identity. This examination provides students with a nuanced understanding of the South as a distinctive place and culture, challenges reductive stereotypes about the South, and situates the region within its complex national and international contexts. Students in Southern studies practice and cultivate their skills in careful research, nuanced analysis, and strong writing, preparing them for a variety of paths after graduation. A strongly interdisciplinary program, Southern Studies courses complement many academic majors and enable students to pursue interests in Southern folklife, music, religion, history, literature, politics, geography, and other topics.

Program

- Southern Studies Minor (<https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/southern-studies/southern-studies-minor/>)

Courses

SOST 201 - Introduction to Southern Studies 1580-1900 (3 Credits)

Examination of major social and cultural developments of American South from early exploration to 1900.

Carolina Core: GHS

SOST 202 - Introduction to Southern Studies: The Twentieth Century (3 Credits)

An topical examination of the American South ranging from Reconstruction to the Civil Rights Movement.

Carolina Core: GHS

Graduation with Leadership Distinction: GLD: Research

SOST 206 - Popular Musics of the U.S. South (3 Credits)

Investigation of popular musics in the U.S. South from the nineteenth century to the present day. Various genres discussed within their sociocultural contexts, including Southern identities, technology, economics, media, and other factors.

Carolina Core: AIU

SOST 280 - The Literary South (3 Credits)

Principles, practices, and contexts of major literary works of the American South.

Carolina Core: AIU

SOST 298 - Topics in the American South (3 Credits)

Reading and research on selected interdisciplinary topics in Southern Studies. Course content varies and will be announced in the schedule of classes by title. May be repeated for credit under a different title.

SOST 299 - Topics in South Carolina (3 Credits)

Reading and research on selected interdisciplinary topics about South Carolina. Course content varies and will be announced in the schedule of classes by title. May be repeated for credit under a different title.

SOST 305 - The Contemporary South (3 Credits)

An investigation of Southern regional identity.

SOST 350 - Barbecue: Southern History and Culture on a Plate (3 Credits)

An examination of barbecue as a historical, sociological, and cultural phenomenon in the South.

Graduation with Leadership Distinction: GLD: Diversity and Social Advocacy

SOST 399 - Independent Study (3-6 Credits)

Contract approved by instructor, advisor, and program director is required for undergraduates.

Graduation with Leadership Distinction: GLD: Research

SOST 405 - Topics in Southern Studies (3 Credits)

Reading and research on selected topics in Southern studies. Course content varies and will be announced in the schedule of classes by title.

Graduation with Leadership Distinction: GLD: Research

SOST 500 - Topics in the American South (3 Credits)

Selected topics related to the study of the American South. Course content varies and will be announced in the schedule of classes by title. May be repeated for credit as topics vary.

SOST 512 - Southern Discomfort: Public Health in the American South (3 Credits)

Investigation of the unique health and disease profile of the American South, including regional disparities that remain unresolved despite a public health revolution. Topics range from endemic diseases of the antebellum period to the current HIV/AIDS crisis, and ethics of research.

Cross-listed course: HPEB 512