

African American and Africana Studies - B.A.

College of
Arts and Sciences

The African American and Africana Studies degree allows students to complete an interdisciplinary program of study that draws together the multifaceted understanding of the Africana experience. The rich and challenging course work addresses historical, cultural, sociological, political, and psychological factors that affect the lives of people of African descent worldwide. Students will develop the breadth of knowledge indicative of a liberal arts education, and enhance their critical thinking and writing, analysis, and communication skills. The African American and Africana Studies degree will be beneficial for a wide range of students who plan to work in communication and media, education, law, health care, non-profit, and government.

120 hours (minimum)

Any student earning a Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree must complete a minimum of 39 hours at the 300+ level. These hours are generally completed by the major requirements. However, keep this hour requirement in mind as you choose your course work for the requirements in the major. See the complete description of College requirements for a Bachelor of Arts degree in the *Arts and Sciences* section of the 2024-2025 Undergraduate Catalog.

UK Core Requirements

See the *UK Core* section of the 2024-2025 Undergraduate Catalog for the complete UK Core requirements. The courses listed below are (a) recommended by the college, or (b) required courses that also fulfill UK Core areas. Students should work closely with their advisor to complete the UK Core requirements.

I. Intellectual Inquiry in Arts and Creativity

Choose one course from approved list.....3

II. Intellectual Inquiry in the Humanities

Choose one course from approved list.....3

III. Intellectual Inquiry in the Social Sciences

SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology
or one course from approved list3

IV. Intellectual Inquiry in the Natural, Physical, and Mathematical Sciences

Choose one course from approved list.....3

V. Composition and Communication I

CIS/WRD 110 Composition and Communication I3

VI. Composition and Communication II

CIS/WRD 111 Composition and Communication II3

VII. Quantitative Foundations

Choose one course from approved list.....3

VIII. Statistical Inferential Reasoning

Choose one course from approved list.....3

IX. Community, Culture and Citizenship in the USA

AAS 200 Introduction to African-American Studies
or one course from approved list3

X. Global Dynamics

AAS 100 Introduction to African Studies
or one course from approved list3

UK Core hours: 30

Graduation Composition and Communication Requirement (GCCR)

AAS 401 Independent Reading and Research
in African-American and Africana Studies.....3

Graduation Composition and Communication Requirement hours (GCCR)..... 3

College Requirements

I. Foreign Language (*placement exam recommended*)..... 0-14
II. Disciplinary Requirements
a. Natural Science.....6
b. Social Science.....6
c. Humanities.....6
III. Laboratory or Field Work.....1
IV. Race and Ethnicity Requirement..... 0-3
V. Electives.....6

College Requirement hours: 25-42

Major Core Requirements

AAS 100 Introduction to African Studies3
AAS 200 Introduction to African-American Studies.....3
AAS 301 Introduction to the African Diaspora3
AAS 401 Independent Reading and Research
in African-American and Africana Studies3
*AAS 400 Special Topics in African-American
and Africana Studies (Subtitle required).....6

Major Core hours: 18

**Students must take AAS 400 twice under different subtitles to satisfy the major core requirement.*

Guided Electives

Students must take at least 15 hours of electives from the approved list, of which 12 credit hours must be at the 300 level or above:

A-H 304 African Art and Its Global Impact.....3
A-H 308 Studies in African Arts (Subtitle required)3
AAS/ENG 168 All That Speak of Jazz:
An Intellectual Inquiry Into Jazz and Democracy.....3
AAS/SOC 235 Inequalities in Society3
AAS/HIS 253 History of Pre-Colonial Africa3
AAS/HIS 254 History of Colonial and Postcolonial Africa3
AAS/HIS 260 African American History to 18653
AAS/HIS 261 African American History 1865-Present3
AAS/FR 263 African and Caribbean Literature and
Culture of French Expression in Translation (Subtitle required).....3
AAS 264/ENG 260 Introduction to Black Writers3
AAS/MUS 300 History of Jazz.....3
AAS/ANT 326 Contemporary African Lives3
AAS/GEO 328 Geography of the Middle East and North Africa.....3
AAS/GEO 336 Geography of Sub-Saharan Africa.....3
AAS/HIS 360 Race and Sports in America3

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AAS/SOC 432 Race and Ethnic Relations	3
AAS 433/SOC 435 Topics in Social Inequalities (Subtitle required).....	3
AAS/PS 471 Race, Ethnicity and Politics.....	3
AAS/SW 523 Social Perspectives on Racism and Ethnic Prejudices in America.....	3
AAS/EDP 545 Psychology of the Black Experience.....	3
AAS/EDC 550 Education in a Culturally Diverse Society.....	3
AAS/PS 417G Survey of Sub-Saharan Politics.....	3
AAS/HIS 587 The Civil Rights Movement in the U.S. Since 1930.....	3
AIS 228 Islamic Civilization	3
AIS 345 Islamic Mysticism	3
AIS 430 Islam in America.....	3
ANT 160 Global Cultural Diversity.....	3
APP 200 Introduction to Appalachian Studies.....	3
ENG 265 Survey of African-American Literature I	3
ENG 266 Survey of African-American Literature II	3
ENG 361 Early African-American Literature.....	3
ENG 362 Flights to Freedom: Literature of the Great Black Migrations.....	3
ENG 368 Contemporary African-American Voices.....	3
ENG 369 African American Women’s Writing.....	3
ENG 460G Studies in African-American Literature (Subtitle required)	3
GEO 160 Globalization and Social Justice	3
GEO 220 U.S. Cities.....	3
GEO 221 Immigrant America: A Geographic Perspective	3
GEO 222 Cities of the World.....	3
GEO 260 Geographies of Development in the Global South	3
GWS 250 Social Movements.....	3
HIS 208 History of the Atlantic World	3
HIS 564 History of Brazil.....	3
SW 325 Social Justice Foundations.....	3
Guided Elective hours:	15

From Outside the Major Department

Students must complete 6 or more credit hours of courses outside the AAS prefix, but in allied departments and programs at the 200 level or above to bring the total number of credit hours within the major to 39. Free electives may not be counted toward the UK Core or A&S requirements. Applicable departments and programs include (by prefix): A&S, AIS, A-H, HIS, SOC, ENG, FR, MUS, ANT, GEO, PS, SW, EDP, GWS.6

Total Minimum Hours

Required for Degree **120**