

AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES

The African American Studies program provides students with an intellectual home for the exploration, critical examination, analysis, and interpretation of the experiences, traditions, cultures, and dynamics of people of African descent in the United States, Africa, the wider African Diaspora and their global contexts. Students also have the opportunity to learn through internships, study abroad, and engagement with innovative scholarship within the discipline.

About this Program

- **College:** Liberal Arts and Sciences (<http://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/colleges-schools/UGLAS/>)
- **Degree:** Bachelor of Arts
- **Credits for Degree:** 120

To graduate with this major, students must complete all university, college, and major requirements.

Department Information

The African American Studies program is one of the fastest growing majors at UF. The degree program provides students with a variety of innovative courses by applying creative cultural methods of teaching while examining the African American experience.

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Curriculum

- African American Studies
- African American Studies Minor

This interdisciplinary major provides students with vital analytical, writing, research, and communication skills. The curriculum emphasizes engagement with anthropology, mass communications, education, English, history, linguistics, political science, psychology, religion, sociology, and women's studies. The program also includes courses that emphasize US-Canadian, US-Caribbean, and US-African relations and assists students in finding internships for college credit, research opportunities for graduate school, applying for study abroad programs, and positioning in a wide-variety of careers.

After obtaining a degree in African American Studies, students can seek careers in management and industry, communications and media, education, non-profit management and advocacy, government, politics and law, and health careers. Graduates will also be prepared to enter graduate programs in liberal arts and social science disciplines, and professional degree programs (with the addition of some prerequisites).

Requirements for the Major

The major requires 30 credits of coursework in African American studies core and elective courses. All coursework must be completed with minimum grades of C. A minimum of 15 credits of coursework in the major must be completed at UF. Core and elective courses are often cross-listed with other departments, enabling students to examine the African American experience from a variety of disciplines.

Required Major Coursework

Code	Title	Credits
AFA 2000	Introduction to African American Studies	3
AFA 3110	Key Issues in African American and Black-Atlantic Thought	3
AFA 4936	African American Studies Senior Integrative Seminar	3
Select one African American Studies required course:		3
AFA 3240	The African Diaspora	
AFA 3303	The Wire	
AFA 3332	Black Feminist and Womanist Theory	
AFA 3350	Black Masculinity	
AFA 3354	Race, Religion, and Rebellion	
AFA 3356	African American Religion	
AFA 3357	Civil Rights and Religion	
AFA 3371	History of Hip-Hop	
POS 4077	African American Politics and Policy	
POS 4624	Race, Law and the Constitution	
Select one applied, experiential, or research methods course (inside or outside of AFA):		3

AFA 3850	Research Methods in African American History	
AFA 3915C	Mentoring At-Risk Youth	
AFH 4930	History Research Seminar: Africa	
AMH 4930	History Research Seminar: US	
ENC 2256	Writing in the Disciplines	
ENC 2305	Analytical Writing and Thinking	
POS 4734	Research Methods in Political Science	
REL 3931	Junior Seminar	
REL 4932	Thesis Seminar in Religion	
STA 2023	Introduction to Statistics 1	
Core Courses		
STA 3024	Introduction to Statistics 2	
STA 4322	Introduction to Statistics Theory	
WST 4935	Capstone Seminar	
African American Studies Major Electives		
AFA-prefixed courses at the 3000 level or higher		6
AFA-prefixed (any level) or AFA-approved courses		9
Total Credits		30

The same course may not be used to meet two different requirements.

Overseas Study

The African American Studies Program currently sponsors one study abroad course. This is a two-credit African Americans in Paris course that is offered during the Spring semester, and includes the study of the African American cultural, historical, and political experience in Paris, France. Students travel to Paris during Spring Break.

Critical Tracking

Critical Tracking records each student's progress in courses that are required for progress toward each major. Please note the critical-tracking requirements below on a per-semester basis.

To graduate with this major, students must complete all university, college and major requirements. For degree requirements outside of the major, refer to CLAS Degree Requirements: Structure of a CLAS Degree (<http://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/colleges-schools/UGLAS/>).

Equivalent critical-tracking courses as determined by the State of Florida Common Course Prerequisites (<https://cpm.flvc.org/advance-search/>) may be used for transfer students.

Semester 1

- 2.0 UF GPA required

Semester 2

- Complete AFA 2000
- 2.0 GPA required for all critical-tracking courses
- 2.0 UF GPA required

Semester 3

- Complete AFA 3110
- 2.0 GPA required for all critical-tracking courses
- 2.0 UF GPA required

Semester 4

- Complete AFA-prefix course at 3000 level or above
- Complete AFA-prefix course or AFA-approved course.
- 2.0 GPA required for all critical-tracking courses
- 2.0 UF GPA required

Semester 5

- Complete AFA-prefix or AFA-approved course
- 2.0 GPA required for all critical-tracking courses
- 2.0 UF GPA required

Semester 6

- Complete AFA-prefix course at 3000 level or above
- Complete AFA-prefix course or AFA-approved course
- Complete applied, experiential, or research methods course
- 2.0 GPA required for all critical-tracking courses
- 2.0 UF GPA required

Semester 7

- Complete AFA-prefix course or AFA-approved course
- 2.0 GPA required for all critical-tracking courses
- 2.0 UF GPA required

Semester 8

- Complete AFA 4936
- 2.0 GPA required for all critical-tracking courses
- 2.0 UF GPA required

Model Semester Plan

Students are expected to complete the Writing, Civic Literacy, summer enrollment, and Quest requirements while in the process of taking the courses below. Students are also expected to complete the general education international (GE-N) requirements concurrently with another general education requirement (typically, GE-C, H, or S) as part of the CLAS Basic Distribution requirements. One of the two general education mathematics courses must be a pure math course.

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences allows students additional flexibility in its Distribution Requirements. Students may count a maximum of 6 credits TOTAL from the CLAS Distribution course lists towards Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences, or Biological and Physical Sciences, with no more than 3 credits of Humanities, 3 credits of Social and Behavioral Sciences, or 6 credits of Biological or Physical Sciences.

The full list of major-specific requirements for this major can be found on the Overview tab. College of Liberal Arts and Sciences degree requirements can be found on the College's degree requirements page.

To remain on track, students must complete the appropriate critical-tracking courses, which appear in bold. These courses must be completed by the terms as listed on the Critical Tracking tab.

This semester plan represents an example progression through the major. Actual courses and course order may be different depending on the student's academic record and scheduling availability of courses. Prerequisites still apply.

Course	Title	Credits
Semester One		
Quest 1		3
State Core Gen Ed Composition (http://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-programs/general-education/#genedcoursestext); Writing Requirement		3
State Core Gen Ed Mathematics (http://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-programs/general-education/#genedcoursestext)		3
CLAS Foreign Language Proficiency Requirement		4-5
Credits		13-14
Semester Two		
AFA 2000	Introduction to African American Studies (Critical Tracking ; Gen Ed Humanities)	3
State Core Gen Ed Biological or Physical Sciences (http://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-programs/general-education/#genedcoursestext)		3
State Core Gen Ed Humanities (http://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-programs/general-education/#genedcoursestext)		3
State Core Gen Ed Social and Behavioral Sciences (http://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-programs/general-education/#genedcoursestext)		3
CLAS Foreign Language Proficiency Requirement		3-5
Credits		15-17

Semester Three

Quest 2		3
AFA 3110	Key Issues in African American and Black-Atlantic Thought (Critical Tracking)	3
Gen Ed Social and Behavioral Sciences		3
Elective (or CLAS Foreign Language Proficiency Requirement if 4-3-3 language option)		3
Elective		3
Credits		15

Semester Four

AFA-prefix course (Critical Tracking ; 3000 level and above)	3
AFA-prefix course or AFA-approved course (Critical Tracking)	3
Gen Ed Biological or Physical Sciences (area NOT taken in semester 2)	3
Gen Ed Mathematics	3
Gen Ed Social and Behavioral Sciences ¹	3
Natural Science Laboratory	1

Semester Five

AFA-prefix course or AFA-approved course (Critical Tracking)	3
Gen Ed Biological Sciences	3
Gen Ed Humanities	3
Elective (3000 level and above; not in major)	3
Electives	4
Credits	16

Semester Six

AFA-prefix course (Critical Tracking ; 3000 level and above)	3
AFA-prefix course or AFA-approved course (Critical Tracking)	3
Applied, experiential, or research methods course	3
Gen Ed Composition; Writing Requirement	3
Elective	3
Credits	15

Semester Seven

AFA-prefix course or AFA-approved course (Critical Tracking)	3
Gen Ed Physical Sciences	3
Electives (3000 level and above; not in major)	6
Elective	3
Credits	15

Semester Eight

AFA 4936	African American Studies Senior Integrative Seminar (Critical Tracking)	3
Electives (3000 level and above; not in major)		9
Elective		3
Credits		15
Total Credits		120

¹ One General Education option taken this term must be a Quest 2 course.

AFA-Approved Courses**AFA-Approved Courses**

Many of the non-AFA courses listed below will have cross-listed AFA sections available. Please review the African American studies course offerings each semester.

Code	Title	Credits
AMH 3931	Special Topics in American History (African American Diaspora)	3
AMH 3931	Special Topics in American History (African Americans in the Jim Crow South)	3
AMH 4571	American Civil War and Reconstruction	3
AMH 4575	Civil Rights Movements	3
AML 3605	African American Literature 1	3
AML 3607	African American Literature 2	3
AML 3673	Asian American Studies (Asian American/African American Interactions)	3
AML 4453	Studies in American Literature and Culture (Women Writing About Race)	3

AML 4685	Race and Ethnicity (Race and Ethnicity in American Literature and Culture)	3
AML 4685	Race and Ethnicity (African American Women and Culture Critique)	3
ANT 3930	Junior Topics Class in Anthropology (The Slave Narrative)	3
GEA 2601	Geography of Africa	3
LIT 4188	World English Language Literatures (Pre-1950 Anglo Caribbean Literature)	3
LIT 4930	Variable Topics in Literature and Language (Black Englishes)	3
MUH 4016	History of Jazz	3
POS 4077	African American Politics and Policy	3
POS 4624	Race, Law and the Constitution	3
REL 3139	African American Religion	3
SYD 3700	Sociology of Race and Racism in the US	3
SYG 2010	Social Problems	3
SYO 4102	American Families	3

Academic Learning Compact

The African American Studies program's mission closely resembles that of the university, emphasizing exceptional teaching, outstanding scholarly research and service to the campus and the larger Gainesville community. The primary emphasis is to educate students about the theories and methodologies pertaining to the study of African Americans. Students will be able to compare and contrast the experiences of people of African descent in the US to those in the wider African Diaspora. They also will learn through participation in community-service activities. Program graduates will develop the academic, scholarly and experiential skills needed to succeed at the next level of study in the field, for they will be well-trained in critical thinking, analysis and effective communication.

Before Graduating Students Must

- Satisfactory evaluation of paper written for the African American Studies approved topic, graded according to department rubric.
- Complete requirements for the baccalaureate degree, as determined by faculty.

Students in the Major Will Learn to

Student Learning Outcomes | SLOs

Content

1. Identify, describe, and explain the theories in African American Studies and the African Diaspora.

Critical Thinking

2. Examine social issues of concern to African Americans.

Communication

3. Effectively articulate ideas in speech and in writing.

Curriculum Map

I = Introduced; R = Reinforced; A = Assessed

Courses	SLO 1	SLO 2	SLO 3
AFA 2000	I, R, A		
AFA 3110	I, R, A	R, A	
AFA 3240	R, A	R, A	R, A
AFA 3332	R, A	R, A	R, A
AFA 3350	R, A	R, A	R, A
AFA 4936	R, A	R, A	R, A

Assessment Types

- Assignments
- Exams
- Papers
- Oral presentations