

# AFRICAN-AMERICAN STUDIES

The primary emphasis of the African-American studies program 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 U.S. to those in the wider African Diaspora. They will also learn through participation in community-service activities.

## About this Program

- **College:** Liberal Arts and Sciences
- **Degree:** Bachelor of Arts
- **Credits for Degree:** 120
- **Additional Information**
- **Related African-American Studies Programs**

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

This interdisciplinary major provides students with vital writing, research, and communication skills. The curriculum emphasizes anthropology, mass communications, education, English, history, linguistics, political science, psychology, religion, and sociology. The program also includes courses that emphasize US-Canadian, US-Caribbean, and US-African relations and assists students in finding internships for college credit and in applying for study abroad programs.

After obtaining a degree in African-American studies, students can seek careers as archivists, attorneys, civil rights professionals, community organizers, government employees, librarians, public policy professionals, professors, teachers, and researchers. Graduates will also be prepared to enter graduate programs in African-American studies and other liberal arts fields, professional degree programs, and teacher-training programs.

## Coursework 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 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 of the following:		3
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 3360	Archaeology of African-American Life and Culture	
AFA 3363	The Black Experience: Psychological Perspectives	
AFA 4352	Black Hair Politics	

AFA 4430	Black Lives Matter	
AMH 4575	Civil Rights Movements	
POS 4077	African American Politics and Policy	
POS 4624	Race, Law and the Constitution	
Select one of the following:		3
AFA 3850	Research Methods in African-American History	
AFA 3915C	Mentoring At-Risk Youth	
AFA 4135	Theories of Black America	
AFH 4930	History Research Seminar: Africa	
AMH 4930	History Research Seminar: US	
ENC 3254	Professional Writing in the Discipline	
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	
STA 3024	Introduction to Statistics 2	
STA 4322	Introduction to Statistics Theory	
WST 4935	Capstone Seminar	
Select 6 credits of AFA-prefixed courses at the 3000 level or higher		6
Select remaining courses from AFA-prefixed (any level) or AFA-approved courses (see Model Semester tab)		9
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>30</b>

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

## Overseas Study

The African-American Studies Program sponsors two study abroad courses. The two-credit African Americans in Paris course 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. In addition, the three-credit Role of Ghana in the African-American Experience course is offered for two weeks in June of each year.

## Related African-American Studies Programs

- African-American Studies minor

### Critical Tracking

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

**For degree requirements outside of the major, refer to CLAS Degree Requirements: Structure of a CLAS Degree.**

Equivalent critical-tracking courses as determined by the State of Florida Common Course Prerequisites may be used for transfer students.

## Semester 1

- 2.0 GPA required

## Semester 2

- Complete AFA 2000
- 2.0 GPA required

## Semester 3

- 2.0 GPA required

## Semester 4

- 2.0 GPA required for all critical-tracking courses
- 2.0 GPA required

## Semester 5

- Complete AFA 3110 and two additional AFA-prefixed or AFA-approved courses with a 2.0 GPA required for all critical-tracking courses
- 2.0 GPA required

### Model Semester Plan

Students are expected to complete the writing requirement while in the process of taking the courses below. Students are also expected to complete the general education international (GE-N) and diversity (GE-D) requirements concurrently with another general education requirement (typically, GE-C, H or S).

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 above in the Critical Tracking criteria.

*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
<b>Semester One</b>		
IUF 1000	What is the Good Life (Gen Ed Humanities)	3
State Core Gen Ed Composition		3
State Core Gen Ed Mathematics		3
Foreign language		4-5
	Credits	13-14
<b>Semester Two</b>		
AFA 2000	Introduction to African-American Studies <b>(Critical Tracking; Gen Ed Humanities)</b>	3
State Core Gen Ed Biological or Physical Sciences		3
State Core Gen Ed Humanities		3
State Core Gen Ed Social and Behavioral Sciences		3
Foreign language		3-5
	Credits	15-17
<b>Semester Three</b>		
AFA 3110	Key Issues in African-American and Black-Atlantic Thought <b>(Critical Tracking; Gen Ed Diversity and Humanities)</b>	3
Gen Ed Social and Behavioral Sciences		3
Elective (or foreign language if 4-3-3 option)		3
Electives		6
	Credits	15
<b>Semester Four</b>		
AFA-prefix course <b>(Critical Tracking; 3000 level and above)</b>		3
AFA-prefix course or AFA-approved course <b>(Critical Tracking)</b>		3
Gen Ed Biological or Physical Sciences (area NOT taken in semester 2)		3
Gen Ed Mathematics		3
Gen Ed Social and Behavioral Sciences		3
	Credits	15

### Semester Five

AFA-prefix course or AFA-approved course	3
Gen Ed Biological Sciences	3
Elective (3000 level and above; not in major)	3
Electives	7
	Credits
	16

### Semester Six

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

### Semester Seven

AFA required course	3
Electives (3000 level and above; not in major)	6
Gen Ed Physical Sciences	3
Science laboratory (Gen Ed Biological or Physical Sciences)	1
Elective	3
	Credits
	16

### Semester Eight

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

### Approved Electives

#### 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 3600	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

REL 3179	Race, Religion and Rebellion	3
SYD 3700	Minorities in American Society	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 U.S. 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
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