

# AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES

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## 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

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## Courses

### AFA 2000 Introduction to African American Studies 3 Credits

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

This course explores the broad and deep experiences of Africans in America, beginning in Africa, the birthplace of civilization and humanity. Utilizing an interdisciplinary approach, we will examine the political, cultural, economic, artistic, and social themes that have shaped African American realities. The curriculum emphasizes high-level academic and critical thinking skills, ensuring students develop a broad foundational knowledge. It includes historically accurate content that promotes an understanding of the constitutional republic, the historical background, and the philosophical foundations of Western civilization, including key documents such as the Declaration of Independence, the United States Constitution, and the Federalist Papers. This course meets the general education standards and competencies required for informed citizenship and lifelong learning.

**Attributes:** General Education - Humanities, Satisfies 6000 Words of Writing Requirement

### AFA 2151 Surveying African-American Culture 3 Credits

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

In-depth exploration of the rich and vast cultural heritage of African Americans. An interdisciplinary approach examines various modes of expression such as art, literature, music, sports, fashion, and social movements that have shaped African American culture from its roots in African aesthetics to modern-day popular culture. Highlights the significant contributions of African Americans to American culture, much of which are inspired by the pursuit of freedom, equality, and justice.

### AFA 2390 Race and Sports in America 3 Credits

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Examine race, racism, and racialization in the sporting context in order to understand many salient issues in American society such as nationalism and patriotism, capitalism, sexism, oppression, etc. See the ways sports influence racial ideologies as well as the pervasiveness of racial oppression that exists on and off the playing field.

### AFA 3110 Key Issues in African American and Black-Atlantic Thought 3 Credits

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

The leading voices of resistance and social change that have influenced African American intellectual history, black public consciousness, political action and social theory.

**Prerequisite:** AFA 2000.

**Attributes:** Satisfies 6000 Words of Writing Requirement

### AFA 3203 Buffalos and Bloods: African American Military History 3 Credits

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Analyzes African American participation in United States wars and conflicts, including the Civil War, the Spanish War, World War I and II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. Explores major themes that have shaped the historically African American military experience through readings, lectures, discussions, and research.

**Prerequisite:** 3 credits of AFA or AFH or AMH or ASH or EUH or HIS or LAH or WOH.

**AFA 3223 African American History: 1865 to Today 3 Credits**

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Examines the history of African Americans in the United States from the end of the Civil War in 1865 to the present day. Through readings, lectures, discussions, and research, explores the major political, social, and cultural events and movements that have shaped the lives of African Americans during this period.

**Prerequisite:** AFA 2000.

**AFA 3240 The African Diaspora 3 Credits**

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Overview of transnational fields of cultural contact, power and competing economic interests in which the African Diaspora developed.

**Prerequisite:** AFA 2000.

**Attributes:** Satisfies 6000 Words of Writing Requirement

**AFA 3303 The Wire 3 Credits**

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Critically examine various themes presented in the television show, The Wire. Major topics include the illegal drug trade, race and ethnicity, sexuality, public policy and politics, K-12 education, and the news media.

**Prerequisite:** AFA 2000.

**Attributes:** Satisfies 6000 Words of Writing Requirement

**AFA 3332 Black Feminist and Womanist Theory 3 Credits**

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Interdisciplinary survey of African American and Afro-descendant women's contributions to feminist theory.

**Prerequisite:** 3 credits of AFA at the 2000 level or above.

**Attributes:** Satisfies 6000 Words of Writing Requirement

**AFA 3333 Black Power Movement 3 Credits**

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

An examination of the Black Power Movement, including major themes, roots in previous black organizing, associated groups and figures, and its influence on present society and activism.

**Prerequisite:** AFA 2000.

**AFA 3342 African Diaspora, Women, and Medicine 3 Credits**

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Analyzes the history of African and African American healing traditions in medicine, beginning in West Africa and ending in the United States, paying particular attention to the role of women in ethnomedical traditions.

**Prerequisite:** Any AFA course or any WST course or any HIS course.

**AFA 3350 Black Masculinity 3 Credits**

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Integrated interdisciplinary exploration of selected themes and resources that represent the Black Masculine experience in North America, emphasizing continuity and change. (WR)

**Prerequisite:** AFA 2000

**Attributes:** Satisfies 6000 Words of Writing Requirement

**AFA 3354 Race, Religion, and Rebellion 3 Credits**

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Examination of the interplay of religion, race, and rebellion in the organization and execution of the various revolts, insurrections, and social movements of black people in the US from the slavery period through the Civil Rights and Black Power Eras.

**Prerequisite:** AFA 2000

**AFA 3356 African American Religion 3 Credits**

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Explores the African American religious experience from the beginning of the African sojourn here in North America until the present.

**Prerequisite:** AFA 2000

**AFA 3357 Civil Rights and Religion 3 Credits**

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Examination of the role of religion in the African American Civil Rights Movement from the 1950s through the 1980s.

**Prerequisite:** AFA 2000

**AFA 3360 Archaeology of African American Life and Culture 3 Credits**

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Historical overview of African American archaeology, including important cases, key figures, major issues, and development of the field.

**Prerequisite:** AFA 2000.

**AFA 3363 The Black Experience: Psychological Perspectives 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Interdisciplinary examination of themes, premises, and theories presented by major psychological theorists in their depictions and accounts of the behavior of Black people in America; the growth of Black psychology.

**Prerequisite:** AFA 2000.**Attributes:** Satisfies 6000 Words of Writing Requirement**AFA 3371 History of Hip-Hop 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Examines the blossoming of hip-hop as a musical genre and as a cultural and political youth movement from the 1970s to the present, extending from its origins in New York city to the rest of the nation and the world.

**Prerequisite:** AFA 2000.**AFA 3553 Science, Technology, and Race 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Examines historical and contemporary construction of the concept of race within scientific theories and ideologies. Explores the role race plays in scientific and technological cultures.

**Prerequisite:** AFA 2000.**AFA 3840 Black Digital Humanities 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Introduces Black Digital Humanities as a discipline. Examines Black life using computational tools, methods, and approaches combining computational and humanistic inquiry. Explores different modes of inquiry through readings, lectures, discussions, and research.

**Prerequisite:** AFA 2000.**AFA 3850 Research Methods in African American History 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Research methods in African American history.

**Prerequisite:** AFA 2000 or instructor permission.**AFA 3915C Mentoring At-Risk Youth 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

A community service-learning course that develops mentoring and critical-thinking skills through instruction, analysis and service. (WR)

**Prerequisite:** AFA 2000 or instructor permission.**Attributes:** Satisfies 6000 Words of Writing Requirement**AFA 3930 Special Topics in African American Studies 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Lectures and seminars covering selected topics of current interests in African American studies.

**Prerequisite:** Junior standing or higher, or instructor permission.**AFA 4135 Theories of Black America 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

A multi-disciplinary examination of some of the important theories and concepts used to explain Black social, political and cultural behavior in the United States for the past 150 years.

**Prerequisite:** AFA 2000.**AFA 4222 African American History: 1619 to 1865 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Explores the history of African Americans from their arrival in the United States in 1619 to the end of the Civil War in 1865. Examines the experiences of enslaved Africans and African Americans, their resistance to slavery, and the various social, cultural, economic, and political forces that shaped their lives during this time period.

**Prerequisite:** AFA 2000.**AFA 4224 The Civil Rights Movement 1946-1968 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Introduces the origins, ideologies, strategies, and impact of the Black Freedom Struggle. Topics include an exploration of civil rights leaders, organizations, and movements in urban and rural areas. The social and political history of the Black Freedom Struggle with a focus on how historians interpreted the movement.

**Prerequisite:** AFA 2000 OR AMH 2020.**AFA 4225 Blacks in Florida 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Addresses the history and themes of Blacks in Florida between 1492 and 1975.

**Prerequisite:** AFA 2000 or instructor permission.

**AFA 4352 Black Hair Politics 3 Credits**

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Provides a comprehensive interdisciplinary examination of the history, sociology, psychology and economics of Black hair. Students will explore the textures, styles and meanings of Black hair as they relate to identity and power in society.

**Prerequisite:** AFA 2000.

**AFA 4430 Black Lives Matter 3 Credits**

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Examination of the particular historical, geographical, cultural, social, and political ways in which race was, and continues to be configured and deployed in the United States.

**Prerequisite:** AFA 2000.

**AFA 4905 Individual Study 1-5 Credits**

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Directed individual reading or research on topics in African American studies.

**Prerequisite:** director permission.

**AFA 4911 Undergraduate Research in African American Studies 0-3 Credits**

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Provides opportunity for firsthand, supervised research in areas related to African American Studies. Projects may involve inquiry, design, investigation, scholarship, discovery, or application.

**Prerequisite:** 3 credits of AFA 3XXX or AFA 4XXX.

**AFA 4931 Special Topics 3 Credits**

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Selected topics in African American studies.

**Prerequisite:** AFA 2000.

**AFA 4936 African American Studies Senior Integrative Seminar 3 Credits**

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Examination of bibliographic resources and analysis of theory, method, and special problems in the field of African American studies.

**Prerequisite:** AFA 2000 and AFA 3110.

**Attributes:** Satisfies 6000 Words of Writing Requirement

**AFA 4940 African American Studies Internship 3 Credits**

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Complete internships with companies, individuals, institutions, or organizations whose work adds to the knowledge and well-being of the African American community.

**Prerequisite:** (African American studies minor or major) and AFA 2000 and at least two 3000-level AFA courses and sophomore status or higher.

**AFA 4970 Honors Thesis 3 Credits**

**Grading Scheme:** S/U

Comprehensive research paper that examines a relevant topic in the discipline of African American studies.

**Prerequisite:** AFA 2000.

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