

## **Emphasis - Political/Social Institutions**

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### **Description**

Students who pursue the major in African American studies will get a broad-based understanding of research in a variety of academic disciplines, with a particular focus on African and African American topics. Students will be provided with historical and contemporary data that will enable them to develop a comprehensive understanding of the life experiences of African Americans.

**Minimum Total Credit Hours: 124**

### **Goals/Mission Statement**

The mission of African American studies is to research and teach about the history and culture of African Americans as members of American society. More specifically, the objectives of the program are to encourage students and faculty to examine the black experience, to facilitate a cultural and intellectual atmosphere on campus that will be favorable to such studies, and to undertake a program of research and service.

### **General Education Requirements**

Although other general education requirements for the B.A. degree must be met, the African American studies major does not require a minor.

### **Course Requirements**

The African-American studies interdisciplinary major consists of 42 semester hours, including 9 hours of basic core courses, 30 hours of upper-division courses, and the 3-hour senior seminar course. At least 12 of the 30 credits of required upper-division work must be in the chosen area of specialization. In addition, 12 hours must be chosen from one or both of the other two areas outside of the designated area of specialization.

I. Basic Core (9 credit hours) AAS 170/His 170 Introduction to African History AAS 201 African-American Experience I AAS 202 African-American Experience II

II. Upper-Division Courses (30 credit hours) Areas of Specialization (12 credit hours minimum) A. African and African-American History AAS 310 Experiences of Black Mississippians AAS 325/His 307 African-American History to 1865 AAS 326/His 308 African-American History since 1865 AAS 362/G St 362 African-American Women's History AAS 392/His 387 History of Sub-Saharan Africa AAS 438/His 327 Historical Perspectives on Slavery in the Americas AAS 440/His 328 History of African Americans in Sports AAS 443/His 329 The Civil Rights Era His 460 Undergraduate Research Seminar in African History AAS 498 African-American Studies Directed Study AAS 501 African-American Studies Seminar AAS 509/His 509 Historiography of African-American History

B. African and African-American Political and Social Institutions AAS 302 Judicial System and the African-American Experience AAS 307/Anth 307 Peoples of Africa AAS 308/Pol 307 Politics of Civil Liberties and Civil Rights AAS 315/Pol 323 Politics of Sub-Saharan Africa AAS 320/Pol 320 African-American Politics AAS 350/AAS 351 Topics in African-American Studies AAS 413/Soc 413 Race and Ethnicity AAS 504 Research in African-American Studies

C. African and African-American Culture AAS 334/S St 334 Introduction to Field Work Techniques AAS 337/Anth 337 Anthropology of Blues Culture AAS 341/Engl 322 African-American Literary Tradition I AAS 342/Engl 323 African-American Literary Tradition II AAS 360 Topics in African-American Studies Abroad AAS 371/Engl 371 African Literature AAS 373/Engl 373 Caribbean Literature AAS 386/AH 336 African and African-American Arts AAS 395/AH 369 Survey of Black-American Art AAS 420 Richard Wright and Toni Morrison AAS 441/Engl 441 Comparative Black Literatures AAS 517/Mus 517 African-American Musical Tradition AAS 518/Mus 518 History of Jazz AAS 593/Engl 593 African-American Literature

III. Senior Seminar (3 credit hours) AAS 480 African-American Studies Senior Seminar

### **Other Academic Requirements**

A minimum grade of C is required in all courses applied toward the African American studies major.

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The academic regulations for this degree program, as entered in the University of Mississippi Catalog, are in effect for the current or selected academic year and semester. The University of Mississippi reserves the right to 1) change or withdraw courses; 2) change rules for registration, instruction, and graduation; and 3) change other regulations affecting the student body at any time.

### **General Education**

REQUIREMENT	HOURS	DESCRIPTION
First Year Writing I	3	Complete <a href="#">Hon 101</a> , <a href="#">Writ 100</a> or <a href="#">Writ 101</a> with a passing grade.
First Year Writing II	3	Complete one of the following courses with a passing grade: <a href="#">Liba 102</a> , <a href="#">Writ 102</a> or <a href="#">Hon 102</a> .
6 hrs literature survey	6	Complete 6 hours of literature survey with a passing grade. Choose from the following courses: <a href="#">Eng 220</a> , <a href="#">221</a> , <a href="#">222</a> , <a href="#">223</a> , <a href="#">224</a> , <a href="#">225</a> , or <a href="#">Eng 226</a> .
6 hrs modern/ancient language 200+	6	Successfully complete at least 6 hours at the 200 level or above in one modern or ancient language.
6 hrs history	6	Complete 6 hours in History (HST) course work with a passing grade.
3 hrs humanities	3	Successfully complete 3 hours in one of the following areas: African American Studies; classical civilization; Gender Studies 103, 201, 333, 311, 390; philosophy; religion; or Southern Studies 101, 102.



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6 hrs social science	6	Successfully complete 6 semester hours in anthropology, economics, <a href="#">JOUR 101</a> , political science, psychology or sociology.
3 hrs fine arts	3	Complete 3 hours in the area of fine or performing arts. Choose from art history, music, dance, and theatre arts. Studio and workshop courses cannot be used to satisfy this requirement. Acceptable freshman or sophomore-level courses are: <a href="#">AH 101</a> , <a href="#">AH 102</a> , <a href="#">AH 201</a> , <a href="#">AH 202</a> ; Music 101, Music 102, Music 103, Music 104, Music 105; Dance 200; and Theatre 201.
3 hrs math 100+	3	Successfully complete 3 hours of Math at the 100 level or above except for <a href="#">Math 245</a> and <a href="#">Math 246</a> .
9-12 hrs science	9	Complete a full year of science course work in one subject area (6-8 hrs) and complete 3 credit hours in a subject area from another department. Courses may be chosen from the departments of Biology, Chemistry and Biochemistry, Geology and Geological Engineering, or Physics and Astronomy.
2 associated science labs	2	Successfully complete at least two science laboratory courses.

### Major Requirements

REQUIREMENT	HOURS	DESCRIPTION
<a href="#">AAS 170</a> or <a href="#">His 170</a>	3	Successfully complete one of the following courses with a grade of C or better: <a href="#">AAS 170</a> or <a href="#">His 170</a> .
<a href="#">AAS 201</a>	3	<a href="#">Aas 201: African American Experience I</a>
<a href="#">AAS 202</a>	3	<a href="#">Aas 202: African American Experience II</a>
<a href="#">AAS 480</a>	3	<a href="#">Aas 480: African American Studies Senior Seminar</a>
AAS residency hrs	12	Students must earn at least 12 hours of their major courses in residence. A grade of C or better is required for each course applied toward major.
6 add'l hrs 300+ level course work	6	Complete 6 additional hours of upper-division African American Studies courses with a grade of C or better.
Overall Major GPA		Please contact your academic advisor for grade point requirements.
Resident Major GPA		Please contact your academic advisor for grade point requirements.
Select an emphasis		Students must enroll in one of the African American Studies emphasis areas: - African and African American History - African and African American Political and Social Institutions - African and African American Culture

