African American Studies Program | Spring 2025-26



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B.A. in African American Studies 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: 120 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

See the 'General Education/Core Curriculum' for the College of Liberal Arts.

Course Requirements

The African American studies interdisciplinary major consists of 30 semester hours, including 6 hours of basic core courses (AAS 201 and 202), 21 hours of AAS electives, and the 3-hour senior seminar course (AAS 480).

Other Academic Requirements

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

