

# BA Program in Africana Studies

The Bachelor of Arts degree in Africana Studies is designed to give students a broad-based education in the study and analysis of the global Africana diaspora while offering students an opportunity to specialize in a concentration area of their choice. The BA Program consists of three sets of requirements: Core (15 units), Breadth (9 Units) and Concentration – Cultural Studies or Social Sciences (12 units).

For students interested in graduate study or careers in the Arts (dance, music, theater), Teaching Careers in English, Literature, and Literary Analysis, Religion and Culture, we recommend selecting the Cultural Studies Concentration.

For students interested in graduate study or careers, in History, Law, Psychology, or Sociology, we recommend selected the Social Sciences Concentration.

## MAJOR REQUIREMENTS (36 UNITS)

The following courses, or their approved transfer equivalents, are required of all candidates for this degree.

### A. Core Requirements (15 units)

[AFS 200](#) Intro to Africana Studies (3)

[AFS 201](#) African World Civilizations (3)

[AFS 307](#) Research Methods, Theories, and Approaches in African Studies (3)

[AFS 490](#) Seminar in Africana Studies (3)

[AFS 496](#) Internship (3)

### B. Breadth Requirements (9 units)

#### Lower Division Breadth (3 units)

Select one of the following courses

[AFS 100](#) The African American Experience (3)

[AFS 205](#) Introduction to Hip Hop (3)

[AFS 212](#) Intro To Comp Eth & Global Soc (3)

[AFS 220](#) African World Peoples & Soc. (3)

#### Upper Division Breadth (6 units)

Select two of the following courses.

[AFS 310](#) The African American Experience in the US (3)

[AFS 311](#) Afro Latinidad & the Caribbean (3)

[AFS 312](#) Cultural Pluralism: Ethnic & Global Society (3)

[AFS 331](#) Key Movements: African Literature and Culture (3)

[AFS 332](#) Key Movements: Harlem Renaissance (3)

[AFS 333](#) Black Movements of the Sixties (3)

[AFS 334](#) African Culture and Art (3)

## C. Concentration Requirements (12 units)

Students majoring in Africana Studies must complete 12 units in a concentration (Cultural Studies or Social Sciences).

### 1. Cultural Studies Concentration

Select 12 units:

- [AFS 205](#) Introduction to Hip Hop (3)
- [AFS 231](#) Africana Literary Traditions (3)
- [AFS 331](#) Key Movements: African Literature and Culture (3)
- [AFS 332](#) Key Movements: Harlem Renaissance (3)
- [AFS 334](#) African Culture and Art (3)
- [ENG 317](#) Sociolinguistics: Black English (3)
- [ENG 343](#) African-American Poetry and Drama (3)
- [ENG 344](#) African-American Prose (3)
- [MUS 302](#) African American Music (3)
- [PHI 370](#) Philos of Africa & Diaspora (3)
- [PHI 371](#) African World Religions (3)

### 2. Social Sciences Concentration

Students majoring in Africana Studies must complete 12 units in a concentration.

- [AFS 212](#) Intro To Comp Eth & Global Soc (3)
- [AFS 220](#) African World Peoples & Soc. (3)
- [AFS 241](#) His Afr World People:1450-1888 (3)
- [AFS 242](#) His of Afrn People:1888-present (3)
- [AFS 310](#) The African American Experience in the US (3)
- [AFS 311](#) Afro Latinidad & the Caribbean (3)
- [AFS 312](#) Cultural Pluralism: Ethnic & Global Society (3)
- [AFS 333](#) Black Movements of the Sixties (3)
- [AFS 423](#) Africana Leaders Seminar (3)
- [AFS 424](#) Africana Political Thought (3)
- [HIS 343](#) African American History from Africa to Reconstruction (3)
- [HIS 344](#) African American History: Reconstruction to the Present (3)
- [HIS 360](#) African History to the 1880's (3)
- [HIS 361](#) African History from the Colonial Era to the Present (3)
- [POL 349](#) Government and Politics in Sub-Saharan Africa (3)
- [PSY 382](#) Psychological Development of the Black Child (3)
- [PSY 383](#) Black Psychology (3)
- [SOC 331](#) Minority Racial and Ethnic Relations (3)
- [SOC 383](#) Black Communities: Class, Status and Power (3)

### 3. Concentration Electives

Topics Vary. Courses are taken in consultation with an Africana Studies Advisor.

- [AFS 494](#) Independent Study (1-3)
- [AFS 495](#) Special Topics in Africana St (3)
- [AFS 497](#) Directed Reading (1-3)
- [AFS 498](#) Directed Research (1-3)
- [AFS 499](#) Senior Project (3)

## MINOR IN AFRICANA STUDIES (12 Units)

### Core Requirements

AFS 200 Introduction to Africana Studies (3)

AFS 490 Seminar in Africana Studies (3)

### Elective Requirements

Any two elective courses selected in consultation with an Africana Studies advisor (6)

## Academic Advising in Africana Studies

Major/Minor Advisor(s):

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Students should seek faculty advisement upon entering the program and routinely thereafter. Faculty advisors work with students to provide information about departmental requirements, course availability, coursework and career options. Advisors will also help students prepare for graduate work in Africana Studies and related fields. All Africana Studies majors must have an Advisement Form on file with the department advisors.

Students expecting to graduate must also fill out a Graduation Advisement Form by the third week of the semester prior to the expected semester of graduation. Both forms must be filled out in consultation with the designated (Africana Studies) department undergraduate advisor.

Whether a freshmen or transfer student, completion of the core requirements in Africana Studies is your top priority as many of these courses serve as prerequisite courses for upper division courses and they provide the foundational content needed to do well in your other classes. Below is a chart of the frequency by which these core courses are offered to help with planning your schedule.

Course Number	Course Title	Frequency
AFS 200	Introduction to Africana Studies	Every Fall/Spring (Face to Face and Online)
AFS 201	Africana World Civilizations	Every Fall/Spring (Face to Face)/Online)
AFS 307 (Not advisable for freshmen)	Research Methods, Theories and Approaches	Fall Semester Only (Face-to-Face)
AFS 490 (Not advisable for freshmen)	Senior Research Seminar	Spring Semester Only (Face to Face)

AFS 496 (Not advisable for freshmen)	Internship	Fall Semester Only (Face to Face)
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