What is African American Studies?

African American Studies is an interdisciplinary program that offers two major tracks and a minor. Located in the College of Social Sciences, the program utilizes faculty from several departments within and beyond the College. African American Studies offers students the opportunity to understand American society and the international arena from the unique vantage-point of the African Diaspora, most especially Americans of African descent.

Fulfilling and Understanding the Major Requirements

African American Studies Major:
The total hours requirements for a major are a minimum of thirty-six (36) hours of coursework within the major. Students may not overlap more than 6 hours of coursework used to satisfy Liberal Studies requirements with courses used to fulfill major requirements. Students pursuing the Bachelor of Science degree may specialize in economics, political science, or sociology. Students pursing the Bachelor of Arts degree may specialize in humanities. In each case, the student selects nine (9) hours from African American Studies core courses, six (6) hours of African and/or African American history, plus twenty-one (21) hours of elective courses from a chosen specialty area. An overall grade of “C” (2.0) average in African American Studies course requirements is required of majors and minors. Majors and minors will not receive credit toward the major or minor requirements for African American Studies courses in which a grade less than “C–” has been received. A minimum of fifteen (15) semester hours in African American Studies course requirements must be taken at The Florida State University.

1. **Core Course Requirement.** Completion of nine (9) hours in African American Studies core courses.

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2. **History Requirement.** Completion of six (6) hours in African and/or African American history courses.

   **History Courses (6 hours):**
   - AFH 3405   Sub-Saharan Africa Since 1800
   - AFH 4302   Modern North Africa
   - AMH 1091   African American Experience in the United States
   - AMH 2096   Black Women in America
   - AMH 2097   Nationality, Race, and Ethnicity in America
   - AMH 4571   Black America to 1877
   - AMH 4572   Black America Since 1877
   - LAH 4470   History of the Caribbean
   - LAH 4723   Race and Class in Colonial Latin America
   - AMH 4571   Black America to 1877
   - HIS 4930r  Special Topics in History (needs departmental approval)

3. **Bachelor of Science Track Requirements.** Completion of an economics, political science, or sociology specialty area, which shall consists of twenty-one (21) hours as described below.

   a. **Economics Specialty Area.** Completion of six (6) hours of required courses, nine (9) hours of specialty courses, and six (6) hours of supplementary courses:

      **Required Courses (6 hours):**
      - ECO 4421   Introduction to Econometrics
      - ECO 3104   Applied Microeconomic Analysis or ECO 4101   Intermediate Microeconomic Theory

      **Specialty Courses (9 hours):**
      - ECP 3143   African Americans and the US Political Economy
      - ECP 4613   Urban Economics
      - ECP 3203   Labor Economics
      - ECS 4013   Economics of Development
      - ECO 4704   International Trade

      **Supplementary Courses (6 hours) from approved list**

   b. **Political Science Specialty Area.** Completion of three (3) hours of required courses, twelve (12) hours of specialty courses, and six (6) hours of supplementary courses:

      **Required Courses (3 hours):**
      - POS 3713   Understanding Political Science Research

      **Specialty Courses (12 hours):**
      - POS 3142   Urban Politics
      - POS 4070   Race, Ethnicity, and Politics
      - POS 4624   The Supreme Court, Civil Liberties, and Civil Rights
      - CPO 3034   Politics of Developing Areas
Supplementary Courses (6 hours) from approved list

c. Sociology Specialty Area. Completion of six (6) hours of required courses, nine (9) hours of specialty courses, and six (6) hours of supplementary courses:

Required Courses (6 hours):
SYA 4010 Sociological Theory
SYA 4400 Social Statistics

Specialty Courses (9 hours):
SYD 4730 African Americans in U. S. Society
SYD 4700 Race and Minority Group Relations
SYO 3530 Social Classes and Inequality
SYP 3350 Collective Action and Social Movements

Supplementary Courses (6 hours) from approved list

4. Bachelor of Arts Track Requirements. Completion of a humanities specialty area, which shall consists of completing a modern foreign language through the intermediate level (modern language must be French or Spanish) and twenty-one (21) hours as described below.

a. Humanities Specialty Area. Completion of fifteen (15) hours of specialty courses and six (6) hours of supplementary courses or completion of 21 hours of specialty courses:

Specialty Courses (15 hours):
AFA 3930 Peoples and Cultures of Africa
AFH 3405 Sub-Saharan Africa Since 1800
AFH 4302 Modern North Africa
AMH 1091 African American Experience in the United States
AMH 2096 Black Women in America
AMH 2097 Nationality, Race, and Ethnicity in America
AMH 4571 Black America to 1877
AMH 4572 Black America Since 1877
AML 2600 Introduction to African-American Literature
AML 3682 American Multi-Ethnic Literature
AML 4604 African American Literature Tradition
ARH 4118 Archaeology of Ancient Egypt
DAN 3185 African American Dance
HIS 4930r Special Topics in History (needs departmental approval)
LAH 4470 History of the Caribbean
LAH 4723 Race and Class in Colonial Latin America
LIT 4329 African American Folklore
MUH 4801  History of Jazz (1890-1950)
MUH 4802  History of Jazz (1950-Present)
PHM 2121  Philosophy of Race, Class and Gender
REL 3936r Special Topics in Religion (needs departmental approval)
REL 4190r Undergraduate Seminar: Religion and Culture (needs departmental approval)

**Supplementary Courses (6 hours) from approved list**

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**Fulfilling and Understanding the Minor Requirements**

**African American Studies Minor:**
A total of eighteen (18) credit hours are required for the minor, which consists of nine (9) credit hours from the African American Studies core courses, three (3) credit hours of either African or African American history, plus six (6) credit hours of supplementary courses.

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**A Double Major**

**Double Majors:**
Students pursuing a Double Major or a Dual Degree may overlap up to 9 hours with another College of Social Sciences and Public Policy major and 6 hours with a College of Arts and Sciences major. Students double majoring in Sociology, Political Science, or Economics may not pursue an African American Studies specialty area in the same department as their other major/s (i.e. you may not choose Economics as a specialty area if you also intend to graduate with a major in Economics or Applied Economics).

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**African American Studies Supplementary Course List**

**African American Studies**
AFA 3101  Theory and Dynamics of Racism and Oppression (Fall only)
AFA 3330  Black Families in America (Fall only)
AFA 3930r Special Topics
AFA 4905r African American Studies Directed Individual Study

**Anthropology**
ANT 4352  Peoples and Culture of Africa (not currently offered)
ANT 2534  Race: Bio and Culture (Fall only)

**Art History**
ARH 4118  Archaeology of Ancient Egypt

**Communications**
SPC 4710  Interracial/Intercultural Communication
Criminology
CCJ 4662  Minorities, Crime, and Social Policy
CCJ 4938  Racial Profiling
CCJ 4938  Seminar on Black Males

Dance
DAN 3185  African American Dance (Fall only)

Economics
ECP 3143  African Americans and the US Political Economy (Fall only)
ECP 4613  Urban Economics (Spring only)
ECP 3203  Labor Economics (not currently offered)
ECS 4013  Economics of Development
ECO 4704  International Trade

English
AML 2600  Introduction to African-American Literature
AML 3682  American Multi-Ethnic Literature (Spring only)
AML 4604  African American Literature Tradition
LIT 4329  African American Folklore (Spring only)

History
AFH 3451  Sub-Saharan Africa Since 1800 (Spring only)
AFH 4302  Modern North Africa (Spring only)
AMH 1091  African American Experience in the United States (Spring only)
AMH 2096  Black Women in America (Fall only)
AMH 2097  Nationality, Race, and Ethnicity in America
AMH 4571  Black America to 1877 (Summer only)
AMH 4572  Black America Since 1877 (Spring only)
HIS 4930r  Special Topics in History (needs departmental approval)
LAH 4470  History of the Caribbean (Fall only)
LAH 4723  Race and Class in Colonial Latin America (Fall only)

Music
MUH 4801  History of Jazz: 1890-1950 (Fall only)
MUH 4802  History of Jazz: 1950-Present (Spring only)

Philosophy
PHM 2121  Philosophy of Race, Class and Gender

Political Science
POS 3142  Urban Politics
POS 4070  Race, Ethnicity, and Politics
POS 4624  The Supreme Court, Civil Liberties, and Civil Rights
CPO 3034  Politics of Developing Areas
PUP 3002  Introduction to Public Policy
PUP 4024 Interest Groups, Social Movements, and Public Policy

**Psychology**
SOP 3782 Psychology of the Afro-American (Fall only)

**Religion**
REL 3936r Special Topics in Religion (needs departmental approval)
REL 4190r Undergraduate Seminar: Religion and Culture (needs departmental approval)

**Sociology**
SYD 3600 The Community in Urban Society (Spring only)
SYD 4700 Race and Minority Group Relations
SYD 4730 African Americans in U. S. Society
SYG 2010 Social Problems
SYO 3530 Social Classes and Inequality (not currently offered)
SYO 4352 The Sixties: Social Change, Social Movement (not currently offered)
SYP 3350 Collective Action and Social Movements (not currently offered)

**Urban and Regional Planning**
URP 4741 Introduction to Housing and Community Development (Fall only)