

African American Studies

College of Social Sciences

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 pursuing 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.

Core Courses (9 hours):

AFA 2000	Introduction to the Afro-American Experience
	<i>and</i>
AFA 3101	Theory and Dynamics of Racism and Oppression <i>or</i>
SYD 4700	Race and Minority Group Relations
	<i>and</i>
AFA 3930	Peoples and Culture of Africa <i>or</i>
LAH 4723	Race and Class in Colonial Latin America <i>or</i>
SOP 3782	Psychology of the African-American

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

History Courses (6 hours):

AFH 3405	Sub-Sahara 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
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
<i>and</i>	
ECO 3104	Applied Microeconomic Analysis <i>or</i>
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
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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

PUP 3002	Introduction to Public Policy
PUP 4024	Interest Groups, Social Movements, and Public Policy
URP 4741	Introduction to Housing and Community Development

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 consist 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-Sahara 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

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

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).

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
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Communications

SPC 4710	Interracial/Intercultural Communication
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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-Sahara 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)
