

African American Studies

African American Studies (AAS) brings together an interdisciplinary community of scholars to offer courses leading to a minor. Our faculty is committed to exploring creative approaches to research and teaching by making the study of African Americans a central element in their scholarship and courses. Our faculty also promote research across departmental boundaries, thereby producing scholarship touching upon politics, identity, religion, and other variables. The interdisciplinary methodology of AAS informs students who work in a variety of disciplines, including history, political science, sociology, anthropology, music, economics, literature, education, and psychology. While the majority of our courses examine the history and culture of African Americans, the minor concentration also enables students to study Africans in the homeland and the Diaspora.

The interdisciplinary minor in African American Studies consists of 18 credit hours offered through several departments within the College of Arts & Sciences. The courses included in the minor focus on aspects of the African American experience. To earn the minor a student must take a total of 18 credit hours consisting of AAS 1063, at least 6 credit hours in the category of Humanities and Fine Arts, at least 6 credit hours in the category of Social Science, and a 3 credit hour elective that can be fulfilled by any course in the AAS curriculum at the 3000 or 4000 level. No more than fifty percent of the AAS minor can be completed by courses from any academic department.

Required Course

AAS 1063	Introduction to African American Studies	3
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Humanities and Fine Arts Requirements 6

Choose 6 hours from the following:

AAS 3013	African American History to 1865
or HI 3013	African American History to 1865
AAS 3023	African American History since 1865
or HI 3023	African American History since 1865
AAS 3713	History of African American Women
or HI 3713	History of African American Women
AAS 4363	African-American History and Culture
or HI 4363	African American History and Culture
AAS 4373	History of Modern Civil Rights Movement
or HI 4373	History of Modern Civil Rights Movement
AAS 4783	African Civilization to 1880
or HI 4783	African Civilization to 1880
AAS 4793	Modern Africa
or HI 4793	Modern Africa
AAS 4093	The African Diaspora
AAS 4383	African American Leadership in the Twentieth Century
AAS 4983	African Americans and the Law
or HI 4983	African Americans and the Law
AAS 2363	Introduction to African American Literature
or EN 2363	Introduction to African American Literature
AAS 4343	Studies in African American Literature
or EN 4343	Studies in African American Literature
AAS 4393	Postcolonial Literature and Theory
or EN 4393	Postcolonial Literature and Theory
AAS 1103	African American Music
or MU 1103	African American Music
AAS 3153	African Art and Culture
AAS 2990	Special Topics in African American Studies
AAS 4990	Special Topics in African American Studies
Other courses as approved by program director	

Social Sciences Requirements 6

Choose 6 hours from the following:

AAS 3043	Modern Civil Rights Law
or PS 3043	Modern Civil Rights Law
AAS 4273	African American Politics

or PS 4273	African American Politics	
AAS 4543	African Politics	
or PS 4543	African Politics	
AAS 2203	Introduction to Race and Ethnicity	
or SO 2203	Introduction to Race and Ethnicity	
or AN 2203	Introduction to Race and Ethnicity	
AAS 3353	Race, Crime and Justice	
or SO 3353	Race, Crime, & Justice	
AAS 4643	Race and the Media	
or SO 4643	Race and the Media	
or CO 4643	Race and the Media	
AAS 3193	African Cultures	
or AN 3193	African Cultures	
AAS 2990	Special Topics in African American Studies	
AAS 4990	Special Topics in African American Studies	
PS 4253	Southern Politics	
PS 4643	Ethnic Conflict	
Other courses as approved by program director		
Elective		3
Total Hours		18