

# 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

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

Choose 6 hours from the following:

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| 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:

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

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| 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 |  |           |
| <b>Elective</b>                               |  | <b>3</b>  |
| <b>Total Hours</b>                            |  | <b>18</b> |