

Africana Studies

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Students who pursue the major/minor in Africana Studies come from all racial, ethnic and cultural backgrounds. They are unified by a common desire to enlarge and enrich their intellectual horizons by learning about the artistic, economic, historical, literary, philosophical, political, economic, sociological, scientific and theological contributions of people of African descent to U.S. society and culture. Students take core courses in English, history, philosophy, sociology and theology and augment these with at least five electives to complete the major. Approved electives are listed, but we recognize that numerous sections of more general courses also focus on Africana studies issues. If you would like to take such courses, contact the program director for approval in advance of enrolling.

Students are encouraged to develop 5-course concentrations in areas of particular interest. Possibilities include a disciplinary focus such as literature or sociology or an area focus such as American urban studies. Concentrations should be designed with a major adviser and require approval by the director of the program.

Africana Studies Major

The major consists of 30 credit hours: five core courses, including at least one course from each group (15 credit hours) and five electives (15 credit hours) from the course listings below.

Core Courses:

Group A - English		3
ENGL 4810	Comparative Race and Ethnic Studies	
ENGL 4820	Studies in Critical Race and Ethnic Studies	
ENGL 4830	Africana Literatures	
Group B - History		3
HIST 1401	Africa	
HIST 4135	African-American History	
Group C - Sociology		3
SOCI 3250	Race and Ethnic Relations	
SOCI 4250	African-American Social Thought	
Group D - Theology		3
THEO 4490	Studies in Moral Theology (when topic is approved by program director)	
Additional Course - Choose one from one of the Groups listed above.		3
Elective Courses - Choose five from the list below:		15
ANTH 3100	Urban Anthropology	
ARSC 3986	Internship-Work Period	
COMM 4500	Race and Gender Issues in Mass Media	
CMST 4400	Cross-Cultural Communication	
CMST 4410	Intercultural Communication	
ECON 4012	Urban and Regional Economics	
ENGL 4840	Postcolonial Literatures	
HEAL 1025	Culture and Health	
HIST 4140	American Urban History	
HIST 4350	The Caribbean	
HIST 4450	North Africa	
MANA 3035	Diversity in Organizations	
MUSI 2440	History of Jazz	
PHIL 3780	Africana Philosophy	
POSC 4281	Urban Public Policy	
POSC 4291	State and Local Politics	
POSC 4361	Politics of Race, Ethnicity, and Gender	
PSYC 3210	The Psychology of Prejudice	
SOCI 3280	Race and Family	
SOCI 3550	Race, Gender and Medicine	

SOCI 4100	Urban Life
SOCI 4270	Urban Sociology
SOCI 4400	Social Inequality
SOWJ 1001	Introduction to Social Welfare and Justice
SPAN 4320	Latin American and Latinx Contemporary Issues
SPAN 4400	U.S. Latinx Literature
SPPA 4610	Multicultural Issues for Speech-Language Pathologists

Total Credit Hours

30

Notes:

- Any of the core courses listed above that are not taken to fulfill the core course requirement may be taken as an elective.
- Special Topics seminars or colloquia courses with an Africana Studies focus are also considered with approval by the program director.

Africana Studies Minor

The minor consists of 18 credit hours: three core courses (9 credit hours) and three elective courses (9 credit hours) from the listings below.

Core Courses - Choose three courses from the Groups listed below:

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Group A - English

ENGL 4810	Comparative Race and Ethnic Studies
ENGL 4820	Studies in Critical Race and Ethnic Studies
ENGL 4830	Africana Literatures

Group B - History

HIST 1401	Africa
HIST 4135	African-American History

Group C - Sociology

SOCI 3250	Race and Ethnic Relations
SOCI 4250	African-American Social Thought

Group D - Theology

THEO 4490	Studies in Moral Theology (when topic is approved by program director)
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Elective Courses - Choose three from the list below:

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ARSC 3986	Internship-Work Period
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