

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 consists of 18 credit hours offered in African American Studies, with the cooperation of several departments within the College of Arts & Sciences. To earn the minor students are required to take AAS 1063. They must also take at least 3 credit hours in the categories of Literature and Fine Arts, 3 in the Social Sciences, at least 6 hours in the Humanities, and one 3-hour elective at the 3000 or 4000 level.

Required Course

AAS 1063	Introduction to African American Studies	3
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Literature and Fine Arts

Choose one of the following:		3
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AAS 1103	African American Music
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AAS 4343	Studies in African American Literature
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Humanities

Choose two of the following:		6
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AAS 3013	African American History to 1865
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AAS 3023	African American History since 1865
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AAS 4093	The African Diaspora
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AAS 4363	African-American History and Culture
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AAS 4373	History of Modern Civil Rights Movement
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AAS 4383	African American Leadership in the Twentieth Century
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AAS 4783	African Civilization to 1880
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AAS 4793	Modern Africa
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Social Sciences

Choose one of the following:		3
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AAS 2203	Introduction to Race and Ethnicity
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AAS 3043	Modern Civil Rights Law
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AAS 4273	African American Politics
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AAS 4543	African Politics
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AAS 4643	Race and the Media
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AAS 4983	African Americans and the Law
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Elective

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Total Hours		18
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