

# AFRICANA STUDIES (BA)

Taking as its central mission the study of peoples of African descent on the continent and in the diaspora, the Africana Studies major seeks a nuanced and interdisciplinary understanding of the human experience. The Africana Studies major does so through the humanities, arts, and social sciences, with particular emphasis on continuities and discontinuities across geography and time. Its broad educational objectives are to engender among all students an intellectual appreciation of black lives and their saliency for all human experience; to deepen students' critical analytic skills; and to value social equality, democracy, and humanitarianism. The Africana Studies major strives to provide students with substantive knowledge of the black world and its linkages to national as well as pre-, sub-, supra-, and transnational processes. Students play an active role in the Africana Studies Institute's mission to facilitate respect and positive intersocial relationships within the university community. Completion of the B.A. in Africana Studies prepares the student for work in government, community agencies, international organizations, business, journalism and communications, or for graduate studies that lead to careers in research and teaching.

## Requirements

To satisfy the Africana Studies major, students must complete 27 total credits in AFRA courses. Students must complete nine credits from the Core Curriculum, 15 credits distributed in each of the Five Curricular Areas (Black History, Black Diasporic and Global Perspectives, Race, Society and Health, Black Arts, Literature, and Culture, Black Politics and Social Justice) and three elective credits in any AFRA curricular area including variable and special topics or independent study. Variable and Special topics courses may also be applied to the distribution areas based on course content and with advisor consent. Students must also complete 12 credits of related courses not cross-listed with AFRA.

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Core Curriculum</b>		
AFRA 2211	Introduction to Africana Studies	3
AFRA/ARTH/AAAS 2222	Race, Gender, Sexuality, and the Power of Looking	3
or AFRA/HIST 2622	History of Gender and Sexuality in Latin America and the Caribbean	
AFRA 4994W	Senior Seminar	3
<b>Curricular Areas</b>		
Select 15 credits distributed in each of the following five Curricular Areas:		15
Black History (p. 1)		
Black Diasporic and Global Perspectives (p. 1)		
Black Arts, Literature, and Culture (p. 1)		
Race, Society and Health (p. 2)		
Black Politics and Social Justice (p. 2)		
<b>One additional course</b>		
Select one additional course from any AFRA Curricular Area, including variable topics, special topics, or independent study:		3
AFRA 3295	Special Topics	
AFRA 3299	Independent Study	
AFRA 3898	Variable Topics	
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>27</b>

AFRA 2214W African American Literature and AFRA 4994W Senior Seminar satisfy the Information Literacy Competency and Writing in the Major requirements.

## Curricular Areas

### Black History

Course	Title	Credits
AFRA 2753	History of Modern Africa	3
or HIST 2753	History of Modern Africa	
AFRA/ANTH 3025	Contemporary Africa	3
AFRA/HIST 3206	Black Experience in the Americas	3
AFRA/ANTH 3512	African Archaeology	3
AFRA/HIST 3563	African American History to 1865	3
AFRA/HIST 3564	African American History Since 1865	3
AFRA/HIST 3569	Slavery in Film	3
AFRA/HIST 3618	Comparative Slavery in the Americas	3
AFRA 3619/ HIST 3619W	History of the Caribbean	3

### Black Diasporic and Global Perspectives

Course	Title	Credits
AFRA/HIST/LLAS 2621	Cuba in Local and Global Perspective	3
AFRA/HIST 2752	Africa in Global History	3
AFRA/ANTH 3155	Anthropology of the African Diaspora	3
AFRA/HIST/LLAS 3208	Making the Black Atlantic	3
AFRA 3224/ HIST 3770	History of Pan Africanism	3
AFRA/HIST 3620	Cuba, Puerto Rico, and the Spanish Caribbean	3

### Black Arts, Literature, and Culture

Course	Title	Credits
AFRA/ENGL 2214/ AFRA 2214W/ENGL 2214W	African American Literature	3
AFRA/ARTH 3050/ AFRA 3050W/ARTH 3050W		3
AFRA/DRAM 3131	African-American Theatre	3
AFRA/DRAM 3132	African-American Women Playwrights, 1900 to the present	3
AFRA/ENGL 3213/ AFRA 3213W/ENGL 3213W	Eighteenth- and Nineteenth-Century African American Literature	3
AFRA/ENGL 3215/ AFRA 3215W/ENGL 3215W	Twentieth- and Twenty-First Century African American Literature	3
AFRA/ENGL 3217/ AFRA 3217W/ENGL 3217W	Studies in African American Literature and Culture	3
AFRA/HIST/AMST 3568	Hip Hop, Politics and Youth Culture in America	3

## Race, Society and Health

Course	Title	Credits
AFRA/SOCI 2250		3
AFRA/COGS 2345	Language and Racism	3
AFRA/SOCI 2461	Race, Gender, and U.S. Health Care	3
AFRA/SOCI 2510	Ethnicity and Race	3
AFRA/SOCI 2520	White Racism	3
AFRA/HDFS/WGSS 3042		3
AFRA/PSYC 3106	Black Psychology	3
AFRA/ANTH 3152	Race, Ethnicity, and Nationalism	3
AFRA/ANTH 3320	Race, Culture, and Reproductive Health	3

## Black Politics and Social Justice

Course	Title	Credits
AFRA/SOCI/HRTS 2530	African Americans and Social Protest	3
AFRA 3033/ POLS 3633/PP 3033	Race and Policy	3
AFRA/POLS 3252	Politics In Africa	3
AFRA/POLS 3642	African-American Politics	3
AFRA/POLS 3647	Black Leadership and Civil Rights	3
AFRA/POLS 3652	Black Feminist Politics	3

## Related Courses

Students can take 12 credits to fulfill the major.

The major in Africana Studies is administered by the Africana Studies Institute. A minor in Africana Studies is described in the "Minors" section.

## University General Education Requirements

Every student must meet a set of core requirements to earn a baccalaureate degree, in addition to those required by the student's major course of study and other requirements set by the student's school or college. For more information about these requirements, please see General Education Requirements (<https://catalog.uconn.edu/undergraduate/gen-ed-requirements/>).

## College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Degree Requirements

Students must meet a set of requirements established by the college in addition to the University's General Education requirements. For more information, see the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (<https://catalog.uconn.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts-sciences/#requirementstext>) section of this catalog.