AFRICAN AND AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES, B.A.

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: University Park

Degree Requirements
For the Bachelor of Arts degree in African and African American Studies, a minimum of 123 credits is required:

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0-9 of the 45 credits for General Education are included in the Requirements for the Major. This includes: African American Studies Option -- 0-3 credits of GA courses; 0-3 credits of GH courses; 0-3 credits of GS courses. African Studies Option -- 0-3 credits of GH courses; 0-3 credits of GS courses. Law and Social Justice Option -- 0-3 credits of GS courses.

3 of the 24 credits for Bachelor of Arts Degree Requirements are included in the Requirements for the Major, General Education, or Electives and 0-12 credits are included in Electives if foreign language proficiency is demonstrated by examination.

Per Senate Policy 83-80.5, the college dean or campus chancellor and program faculty may require up to 24 credits of coursework in the major to be taken at the location or in the college or program where the degree is earned. For more information, check the Recommended Academic Plan for your intended program.

General Education
Connecting career and curiosity, the General Education curriculum provides the opportunity for students to acquire transferable skills necessary to be successful in the future and to thrive while living in interconnected contexts. General Education aids students in developing intellectual curiosity, a strengthened ability to think, and a deeper sense of aesthetic appreciation. These are requirements for all baccalaureate students and are often partially incorporated into the requirements of a program. For additional information, see the General Education Requirements (https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-education/baccalaureate-degree-general-education-program/) section of the Bulletin and consult your academic adviser.

The keystone symbol appears next to the title of any course that is designated as a General Education course. Program requirements may also satisfy General Education requirements and vary for each program.

Foundations (grade of C or better is required.)
- Quantification (GQ): 6 credits
- Writing and Speaking (GWS): 9 credits

Knowledge Domains
- Arts (GA): 6 credits
- Health and Wellness (GHW): 3 credits
- Humanities (GH): 6 credits
- Social and Behavioral Sciences (GS): 6 credits
- Natural Sciences (GN): 9 credits

Integrative Studies (may also complete a Knowledge Domain requirement)
- Inter-Domain or Approved Linked Courses: 6 credits

University Degree Requirements
First Year Engagement
All students enrolled in a college or the Division of Undergraduate Studies at University Park, and the World Campus are required to take 1 to 3 credits of the First-Year Seminar, as specified by their college First-Year Engagement Plan.

Other Penn State colleges and campuses may require the First-Year Seminar; colleges and campuses that do not require a First-Year Seminar provide students with a first-year engagement experience.

First-year baccalaureate students entering Penn State should consult their academic adviser for these requirements.

Cultures Requirement
6 credits are required and may satisfy other requirements
- United States Cultures: 3 credits
- International Cultures: 3 credits

Writing Across the Curriculum
3 credits required from the college of graduation and likely prescribed as part of major requirements.

Total Minimum Credits
A minimum of 120 degree credits must be earned for a baccalaureate degree. The requirements for some programs may exceed 120 credits. Students should consult with their college or department adviser for information on specific credit requirements.

Quality of Work
Candidates must complete the degree requirements for their major and earn at least a 2.0 grade-point average for all courses completed within their degree program.

Limitations on Source and Time for Credit Acquisition
The college dean or campus chancellor and program faculty may require up to 24 credits of course work in the major to be taken at the location or in the college or program where the degree is earned. Credit used toward degree programs may need to be earned from a particular source or within time constraints (see Senate Policy 83-80 (http://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/#83-80)). For more information, check the Suggested Academic Plan for your intended program.

B.A. Degree Requirements
Foreign Language (0-12 credits): Student must attain 12th credit level of proficiency in one foreign language. See the Placement Policy for Penn State Foreign Language Courses (https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/academic-information/advising-planning-degree-program/course-placements/placement-policy-world-language-courses/).

B.A. Fields (9 credits): Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences, Arts, Foreign Languages, Natural Sciences, Quantification (may not be taken in the area of the student's primary major; foreign language credits in this
category must be in a second foreign language or beyond the 12th credit level of proficiency in the first language)

Other Cultures (0-3 credits): Select 3 credits from approved list. Students may count courses in this category in order to meet other major, minor, elective, or General Education requirements, except for the General Education US/IL requirement.

Requirements for the Major
A grade of C or better is required for all courses in the major. To graduate, a student enrolled in the major must earn at least a C grade in each course designated by the major as a C-required course, as specified by Senate Policy 82-44 (http://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/#82-44).

Common Requirements for the Major (All Options)

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Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better

AFAM 100N Black Freedom Struggles 3
AFAM/HIST 211 Slavery and Freedom in the Black Atlantic 3
AFR 110 3
SOC 207 Research Methods in Sociology 3

Requirements for the Option
Requirements for the Option: Require a grade of C or better

Select an option 33

Requirements for the Option
African American Studies Option (33 credits)

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Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better

AFAM/WMNST 101 3
AFAM/SOC/WMNST 103 3
AFAM 401 Afro-American Studies Seminar 3

Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better

Select 24 credits from one of the following three areas of concentration:¹

1. History Perspective

AFAM/RLST 146 The Life and Thought of Martin Luther King, Jr. 147
AFAM/RLST Freedom's First Generation: African American Life and Work, from the Civil War to World War II 210
AFAM/SOC 409 Racial and Ethnic Inequality in America
AFAM 431 Black Liberation and American Foreign Policy
AFAM/HIST 465 The Post-World War II Civil Rights Movement
ENGL 461 The Vernacular Roots of African American Literature 469 Slavery and the Literary Imagination
HIST 152 African American History

PLSC 474 Civil Liberties and Due Process
SOC 119

2. Social Sciences and Community Development

AFAM/WMNST 102 Women of the African Diaspora
AFAM/RLST 145 African Diaspora Religions and Spiritualities
AFAM/THEA 208 Workshop: Theatre in Diverse Cultures
AFAM 410 Spirit, Space, Survival: Contemporary Black Women
AFAM/THEA 412 African American Theatre
AFAM/CAS 422 Contemporary African American Communication
COMM/WMNST 205 Gender, Diversity and the Media
COMM 411 Cultural Aspects of the Mass Media
EDTHP 447 Ethnic Minorities and Schools in the United States
ENGL 139 African American Literature
ENGL 235 From Folk Shouts and Songs to Hip Hop Poetry
ENGL/WMNST 462 Reading Black, Reading Feminist
ENGL 463 African American Autobiography
ENGL 467 African American Novel II
ENGL 469 Slavery and the Literary Imagination
MUSIC 7 Evolution of Jazz
SOC 119

¹ A minimum of 12 credits should be AAA S courses, and at least 12 of these credits must be at the 400 level or above.
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<td>AFR/PLSC 454</td>
<td>Government and Politics of Africa</td>
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Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better

Select 21 credits from one of the following two areas of concentration:

1. Humanities Perspective

   AAAS 404
   AFAM 431 Black Liberation and American Foreign Policy
   AFAM/HIST 465 The Post-World War II Civil Rights Movement
   AFR 202N Women, Gender, and Feminisms in Africa
   CMLIT 3 Introduction to African Literatures
   CMLIT 422 African Drama
   CMLIT 423 African Novel
   FR 458 African Literature of French Expression
   HIST 479 History of Imperialism and Nationalism in Africa
   SWA 1 Elementary Swahili I
   SWA 2 Elementary Swahili II

2. Social Science Perspective

   AAAS 404
   AFAM 431 Black Liberation and American Foreign Policy
   AFAM/HIST 465 The Post-World War II Civil Rights Movement
   AFR 202N Women, Gender, and Feminisms in Africa
   AFR 403 South Africa Today
   ECON 304 Intermediate Macroeconomic Analysis
   ECON 471 Growth and Development
   GEOG 444 African Resources and Development
   PLSC 453 Political Processes in Underdeveloped Systems
   SWA 1 Elementary Swahili I
   SWA 2 Elementary Swahili II

A minimum of 12 credits should be AAAS courses, and at least 12 of these credits must be at the 400 level or above.

Law and Social Justice Option (33 credits)

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Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better

Select 15 credits of the following:

- AFAM/SOC 409 Racial and Ethnic Inequality in America
- AFAM/HIST 431 Black Liberation and American Foreign Policy
- AFAM/LER/PLSC 445Y Politics of Affirmative Action
- AFAM 465 The Post-World War II Civil Rights Movement
- AFR 440 Globalization and Its Implications
- CRIM 430 American Correctional System
- CRIM 433 Sentencing
- CRIM 435 Policing in America
- CRIM 441 The Juvenile Justice System
- CRIM/SOC 467 Law and Society
- CRIM 490 Crime Policy
- CRIMJ/WMNST 453 Women and the Criminal Justice System
- ECON 436W Economics of Discrimination