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 world 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 Suggested Academic Plan for your intended program.

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 (https://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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| 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
Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better

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Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better

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

1. History Perspective
   - AFAM/RLST 146 The Life and Thought of Martin Luther King, Jr.
   - AFAM/RLST 147 The Life and Thought of Malcolm X
   - AFAM/HIST 210 Freedom's First Generation: African American Life and Work, from the Civil War to World War II
   - 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
   - ENGL 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 146 The Life and Thought of Martin Luther King, Jr.
   - AFAM/RLST 147 The Life and Thought of Malcolm X
   - AFAM/HIST 210 Freedom's First Generation: African American Life and Work, from the Civil War to World War II
   - 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
   - CRIMJ 451 Race, Crime, and Justice
   - ECON 304 Intermediate Macroeconomic Analysis
   - ECON 436W
   - EDTHP 447 Ethnic Minorities and Schools in the United States
   - PLSC 490 Policy Making and Evaluation
   - SOC 119

3. Cultural and Gender Perspective
   - 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

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.

Law and Social Justice Option (33 credits)

Prescribed Courses
Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better
AFAM/HIST 210  Freedom’s First Generation: African American Life and Work, from the Civil War to World War II 3
AFAM 401  Afro-American Studies Seminar 3
CRIM 100  Introduction to Criminal Justice 3
CRIM 451  Race, Crime, and Justice 3
CRIMJ/CRIM/PLSC 445Y  Politics of Affirmative Action 3
CRIMJ/CRIM 113  Introduction to Law 3

Additional Courses
Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better
Select 15 credits of the following: 15
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
CRIMJ 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

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 and Inter-Domain courses do not meet this requirement.)
- Quantification (GQ): 6 credits
- Writing and Speaking (GWS): 9 credits

**Breadth in the Knowledge Domains** (Inter-Domain courses do not meet this requirement.)
- Arts (GA): 3 credits
- Health and Wellness (GHW): 3 credits
- Humanities (GH): 3 credits
- Social and Behavioral Sciences (GS): 3 credits
- Natural Sciences (GN): 3 credits

**Integrative Studies**
- Inter-Domain Courses (Inter-Domain): 6 credits

**Exploration**
- GN, may be completed with Inter-Domain courses: 3 credits
- GA, GH, GN, GS, Inter-Domain courses. This may include 3 credits of World Language course work beyond the 12th credit level or the requirements for the student’s degree program, whichever is higher: 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 2.00 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 (https://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**

**World Language** (0-12 credits): Student must attain 12th credit level of proficiency in one world language in addition to English. This proficiency must be demonstrated by either examination or course work. See the Placement Policy for Penn State World 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, World Languages, Natural Sciences, Quantification (may not be taken in the area of the student’s primary major; world language credits in this category must be in a second world language in addition to English or beyond the 12th credit level of proficiency in the first language). Credits must be selected from the list of approved courses.

**World 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 University Cultural Diversity (US/IL) requirement.