

COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF APPROVED COURSES FOR AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES

(As of October 2, 2024)

Course registration reminders

1. Courses may have prerequisites. **See the course description via Class Search in Student Center for more details.**
2. It is your responsibility to verify course location and whether the class satisfies any additional university graduation requirements – requirements can be verified via course search and/or the [Core FSU Course Search](#).
3. Some courses have reserve caps restricting enrollment. For questions, you must the course instructor or the department teaching the class (e.g., Political Science, Religion, etc.). Department contacts may be found at the [FSU Advisor Search](#).

Requirements for a Major in African American Studies

Students are required to satisfactorily complete a minimum of 36 credit hours for the major, consisting of African American Studies Core courses (12 credit hours), approved Advanced coursework (12 credit hours), and approved Supplementary courses (12 credit hours with at least 6 credit hours at the 3000-level or above).

1. A 2.0 GPA average in African American Studies course requirements is required. Courses in which the student earned grades lower than “C–” will not count towards completion of major requirements.
2. A minimum of 18 credit hours in African American Studies major courses must be taken at Florida State University.
3. With approval from the program director, courses offered at Florida A&M University not otherwise offered at FSU may be used towards African American Studies major requirements.

Requirements for a Minor in African American Studies

A minor in African American Studies requires the completion of 15 credit hours, including:

1. AFA 2000, AFA 3101, either AFA 3330 or AFA 4240, 3 credit hours of approved Advanced coursework, and 3 credit hours of approved Supplementary coursework.
 2. The minor requires an average 2.0 GPA and a minimum “C–” or higher grade across all courses used to complete the minor.
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APPROVED COURSES

CORE COURSES

Complete 12 credits of required coursework.

- AFA 2000** Introduction to African American Studies
AFA 3101 Theories of African American Studies
AFA 4851 Research Methods and Scholarly Writing in Africana Studies
The methods course requirement may be substituted with methods courses offered by other departments
AFA 4940 African American Studies Internship
or
One Senior Seminar (3)
Senior seminars are 4000 level and higher AFA or approval supplemental courses. The senior seminar requirement may be substituted with a successfully completed Honors in the Major (HITM) project.

ADVANCED COURSES

Complete 12 credit hours from the following.

- AFA 3330** Black Families in America
AFA 3353 Race Class and Gender
AFA 3373 Psychology of Hip Hop
AFA 3604 Politics of Black Poverty: Issues of Race, Class, and Space
AFA 4007 Black Political Thought & Social Movement
AFA 4240 African Diaspora
AFA 4358 Culture, Land, and Ecology: A Seminar in Black Environmental History and Politics

APPROVED SUPPLEMENTARY COURSES

Complete 12 credit hours, at least 6 hours at the 3/4000 level, from the following.

- AFH 4302** North African History: A Survey
AMH 1091 African American Experience in the United States
AMH 2096 Black Women in America
AMH 2097 Nationality, Race, and Ethnicity in America
AMH 3930 Racial Violence
AMH 4172 The Civil War Era
AMH 4402 Political History of the South 1607-1965
AMH 4571 Black America to 1877
AMH 4572 Black America Since 1877
AMH 4684 Women and Children in the Civil Rights Movement
AML 2600 Introduction to African American Literature
AML 3311 Major Figures in American Literature
AML 4604 The African American Tradition
ARH 2630C Survey in African-American Art and Aesthetics
CCJ 3673 Social Reality of Black Males
CCJ 3678 Policing Diversity: Race, Gender, Religion, and Crime
CCJ 4662 Minorities, Crime, and Social Policy
DAN 3185 African American Perspectives on Dance
ECP 4530 Economics of Health
ENC 4020 Rhetorical Theory and Practice: The Rhetoric of Race
FAD 3220 Individual and Family Life Span Development

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| GEO 4340 | Living in a Hazardous Environment | PHM 2121 | Philosophy of Race, Class and Gender |
| GEO 4357 | Environmental Conflict and Economic Development | POS 3122 | State Politics |
| GEO 4404 | Black Geographies | POS 3691 | Law and Society |
| GEO 4421 | Cultural Geography | POS 4070 | Race, Ethnicity, and Politics |
| GEO 4471 | Political Geography | POS 4284 | Courts, Law, and Politics |
| HIS 4930r | Special Topics in History (Black History through Film) | POS 4606 | The Supreme Court in American Politics |
| IDS 2413 | Fight the Power: Protest with Song in America: 20th Century vs 21st Century | POS 4624 | The Supreme Court, Civil Liberties, and Civil Rights |
| IDS 3415 | Guns, Drugs, and Slaves: The History of Trafficking in the Modern World | QMB 4700 | Operations Research for Managerial Decisions |
| IHS 2121 | Delivering Patient Care Seminar | REL 3128 | Special Topics in American Religion (African American Religious Experience) |
| IHS 3931 | Problems and Issues in Healthcare Seminar | REL 3152 | Religion, Race, and Ethnicity |
| IHS 4501 | Inquiry in Healthcare Research Seminar | REL 3370 | Religion in Africa |
| INR 4075 | International Human Rights | SOP 3782 | Psychology of the African American |
| ISS 4159 | Perspectives on Race, Ethnicity, and Inequality | SOW 4602 | Social Work in Health Settings |
| ISS 4304 | Contemporary Social Problems and Integrative Solutions | SYD 4700 | Race and Minority Group Relations |
| LAH 4470 | History of the Caribbean | SYG 2010 | Social Problems |
| LAH 4723 | Race and Class in Colonial Latin America | SYO 3530 | Social Classes and Inequality |
| LIT 4329 | African American Folklore | SYO 4300 | Sociology of Politics |
| MUH 4801 | History of Jazz (1890–1950) | SYO 4402 | Medical Sociology |
| MUH 4802 | History of Jazz (1950–Present) | SYP 3000 | Social Psychology of Groups |
| PAD 4301 | Disasters in Urban Poor Communities | SYP 3350 | Collective Action and Social Movements |
| PAD 4606 | Legal and Administrative Issues in America | SYP 3540 | Sociology of Law |
| PAD 4844 | Public Health and Emergency Management | SYP 4570 | Deviance and Social Control |
| PHC 4157 | Health Policy and Society | THE 4233 | History of African-American Drama |
| | | THE 4433 | Gender, Race and Performance |
| | | THE 4438 | African Theatre Performance |
| | | URP 4022 | Collective Decision Making |

For questions regarding:

1. Approval for additional courses that may be used to satisfy major requirements: contact the program director.
2. Transfer course equivalency: contact the academic department that would offer the complementary course at FSU.
3. Advising for African American Studies or [any other undergraduate major](#) in COSSPP: email cosss-advising@fsu.edu or view the [Appointments & Virtual Drop-ins](#) information page.
4. Declaring a minor in African American Studies:
 - a. For students with a primary major in COSSPP: complete the [online declaration form](#).
 - b. For students with a primary major in another college: contact the academic advisor for your major.