

Emphasis - Political/Social Institutions

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B.A. in African American Studies **Description**

Students who pursue the major in African American studies will get a broad-based understanding of research in a variety of academic disciplines, with a particular focus on African and African American topics. Students will be provided with historical and contemporary data that will enable them to develop a comprehensive understanding of the life experiences of African Americans.

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 124

Goals/Mission Statement

The mission of African American studies is to research and teach about the history and culture of African Americans as members of American society. More specifically, the objectives of the program are to encourage students and faculty to examine the black experience, to facilitate a cultural and intellectual atmosphere on campus that will be favorable to such studies, and to undertake a program of research and service.

General Education Requirements

Although other general education requirements for the B.A. degree must be met, the African American studies major does not require a minor.

Course Requirements

The African-American studies interdisciplinary major consists of 42 semester hours, including 6 hours of basic core courses, 33 hours from the areas of specialization listed below, and the 3-hour senior seminar course. At least 12 of the 33 credits of required upper-division work must be in a designated area of specialization. In addition, 12 hours must be chosen from one or both of the other two areas outside of the designated area of specialization.

I. Basic Core (6 credit hours)

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| AAS 201 | African-American Experience I |
| AAS 202 | African-American Experience II |

II. Areas of Specialization (33 credit hours)

Areas of Specialization (12 credit hours minimum)

A. African and African-American History

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| AAS 170/His 170 | Introduction to African History |
| AAS 310 | Experiences of Black Mississippians |
| AAS 325/His 307 | African-American History to 1865 |
| AAS 326/His 308 | African-American History since 1865 |
| AAS 362/G St 362 | African-American Women's History |
| AAS 392/His 387 | History of Sub-Saharan Africa |
| AAS 438/His 327 | Historical Perspectives on Slavery in the Americas |
| AAS 440/His 328 | History of African Americans in Sports |
| AAS 443/His 329 | The Civil Rights Era |
| His 460 | Undergraduate Research Seminar in African History |
| AAS 498 | African-American Studies Directed Study |
| AAS 501 | African-American Studies Seminar |
| AAS 509/His 509 | Historiography of African-American History |

B. African and African-American Political and Social Institutions

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| AAS 302 | Judicial System and the African-American Experience |
| AAS 307/Anth 307 | Peoples of Africa |
| AAS 308/Pol 307 | Politics of Civil Liberties and Civil Rights |
| AAS 315/Pol 323 | Politics of Sub-Saharan Africa |
| AAS 320/Pol 320 | African-American Politics |
| AAS 350/AAS 351 | Topics in African-American Studies |
| AAS 413/Soc 413 | Race and Ethnicity |
| AAS 504 | Research in African-American Studies |

C. African and African-American Culture

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| AAS 334/S St 334 | Introduction to Field Work Techniques |
| AAS 337/Anth 337 | Anthropology of Blues Culture |
| AAS 341/Engl 322 | African-American Literary Tradition I |

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| AAS 342/Engl 323 | African-American Literary Tradition II |
| AAS 360 | Topics in African-American Studies Abroad |
| AAS 371/Engl 371 | African Literature |
| AAS 373/Engl 373 | Caribbean Literature |
| AAS 386/AH 336 | African and African-American Arts |
| AAS 395/AH 369 | Survey of Black-American Art |
| AAS 420 | Richard Wright and Toni Morrison |
| AAS 441/Engl 441 | Comparative Black Literatures |
| AAS 517/Mus 517 | African-American Musical Tradition |
| AAS 518/Mus 518 | History of Jazz |
| AAS 593/Engl 593 | African-American Literature |

III. Senior Seminar (3 credit hours)

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| AAS 480 | African-American Studies Senior Seminar |
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Other Academic Requirements

A minimum grade of C is required in all courses applied toward the African American studies major.

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The academic regulations for this degree program, as entered in the University of Mississippi Catalog, are in effect for the current or selected academic year and semester. The University of Mississippi reserves the right to 1) change or withdraw courses; 2) change rules for registration, instruction, and graduation; and 3) change other regulations affecting the student body at any time.

General Education

| REQUIREMENT | HOURS | DESCRIPTION |
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| First Year Writing I | 3 | Complete Hon 101 , Writ 100 or Writ 101 with a passing grade. |
| First Year Writing II | 3 | Complete one of the following courses with a passing grade: Liba 102 , Writ 102 or Hon 102 . |
| 6 hrs literature survey | 6 | Complete 6 hours of literature survey with a passing grade. Choose from the following courses: Eng 220 , 221 , 222 , 223 , 224 , 225 , or Eng 226 . |
| 6 hrs modern/ancient language 200+ | 6 | Successfully complete at least 6 hours at the 200 level or above in one modern or ancient language. |
| 6 hrs history | 6 | Complete 6 hours in History (HST) course work with a passing grade. |
| 3 hrs humanities | 3 | Successfully complete 3 hours in one of the following areas: African-American studies; classical civilization; environmental studies (Envs 101); gender studies (G St 201 , 301 , 333 , 350); philosophy; religion; Southern studies (S St 101 , 102). In addition, gender studies courses that are cross-listed with African American studies, classical civilization, English, modern languages, philosophy, or religion courses will satisfy this requirement. |
| 6 hrs social science | 6 | Successfully complete 6 semester hours in anthropology, economics, political science, psychology, or sociology. |
| 3 hrs fine arts | 3 | The course may be chosen from art history, music, dance, and theatre arts. Studio and workshop courses cannot be used to satisfy this requirement. Courses that satisfy this requirement are any Art History (AH); Liba 130 , 204 , 314 ; Mus 101 , 102 , 103 , 104 , 105 ; Danc 200 ; Thea 201 , 202 . Students who have completed 30 semester hours of undergraduate course work may fulfill the requirement with a 300- or 400-level art history course. |
| 3 hrs math 100+ | 3 | Successfully complete 3 hours of Math at the 100 level or above except for Math 245 and Math 246 . |
| 9-12 hrs science | 9 | Complete a full year of science course work in one subject area (6-8 hrs) and complete 3 credit hours in a subject area from another department. Courses may be chosen from the departments of Biology, Chemistry and Biochemistry, Geology and Geological Engineering, or Physics and Astronomy. |
| 2 associated science labs | 2 | Successfully complete at least two science laboratory courses. |

Major Requirements

| REQUIREMENT | HOURS | DESCRIPTION |
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| AAS 201 | 3 | Aas 201: African American Experience I |
| AAS 202 | 3 | Aas 202: African American Experience II |
| AAS 480 | 3 | Aas 480: African American Studies Senior Seminar |
| AAS residency hrs | 12 | Students must earn at least 12 hours of their major courses in residence. A grade of C or better is required for each course applied toward major. |



| REQUIREMENT | HOURS | DESCRIPTION |
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| AAS electives | 9 | Aas 334: Introduction to Field Work Techniques , Aas 518: History of Jazz , Aas 441: Comparative Black Literatures , Aas 302: Judicial System & African Amer Community , Aas 392: Sub-Saharan Africa , Aas 325: African American History to 1865 , Aas 413: Race and Ethnicity , Aas 342: Afro Amer Lit Survey of the 21st Century , Aas 343: African American Science Fiction Lit , Aas 324: Race Gender Courtship African Amer. Hist , Aas 517: African American Musical Tradition , Aas 373: Caribbean Literature , Aas 316: The African Diaspora , Aas 509: Historiography of African American Hist , Aas 480: African American Studies Senior Seminar , Aas 337: Anthropology of Blues Culture , Aas 438: Historical Perspectives Slavery in Amer , Aas 421: Readings in U.S. Black Feminism , Aas 422: Prison & the Literary Imagination , Aas 310: Experiences of African American Miss , Aas 504: Research in African American Studies , Aas 501: African American Studies Seminar , Anth 315: The African Diaspora , Aas 386: African and African American Arts , Aas 442: The New Negro Era , Aas 360: Topics in Afri-Amer. Studies Abroad , Aas 326: African American History since 1865 , Aas 308: Const Law II: Civil Lib & Civil Rights , Aas 362: African American Women's History , Aas 351: Topics in AAS Pol & Social Institutions , Aas 414: Race, Place, and Space , Aas 593: African American Literature , Aas 440: History of African Americans in Sports , Aas 352: Topics in AAS Culture , Aas 395: Survey of Black American Art , Aas 350: Topics in Afri-American Studies , Aas 328: African American Feminist Thought , Aas 371: African Literature , Aas 412: Studies in Black Popular Culture , Aas 443: The Civil Rights Era , Aas 320: African American Politics , Aas 498: Afri-American Studies Directed Study , Aas 437: The Atlantic Slave Trade and Africa , G St 322: Race, Gender, Science in Early America , Aas 420: Richard Wright and Toni Morrison , Aas 315: Politics of Sub-Saharan Africa , Aas 307: Peoples of Africa , Aas 341: Afro American Lit Survey to 20th Century , Aas 322: Race, Gender, Science in Early America |
| Overall Major GPA | | Please contact your academic advisor for grade point requirements. |
| Resident Major GPA | | Please contact your academic advisor for grade point requirements. |
| Select an emphasis | | Students must enroll in one of the African American Studies emphasis areas: - African and African American History - African and African American Political and Social Institutions - African and African American Culture |

