The African American and Africana Studies degree allows students to complete an interdisciplinary program of study that draws together the multifaceted understanding of the Africana experience. The rich and challenging course work addresses historical, cultural, sociological, political, and psychological factors that affect the lives of people of African descent worldwide. Students will develop the breadth of knowledge indicative of a liberal arts education, and enhance their critical thinking and writing, analysis, and communication skills. The African American and Africana Studies degree will be beneficial for a wide range of students who plan to work in communication and media, education, law, health care, non-profit, and government.

### 120 hours (minimum)

Any student earning a Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree must complete a minimum of 39 hours at the 300+ level. These hours are generally completed by the major requirements. However, keep this hour requirement in mind as you choose your course work for the requirements in the major. See the complete description of College requirements for a Bachelor of Arts degree in the Arts and Sciences section of the 2021-2022 Undergraduate Bulletin.

#### UK Core Requirements

See the UK Core section of the 2021-2022 Undergraduate Bulletin for the complete UK Core requirements. The courses listed below are (a) recommended by the college, or (b) required courses that also fulfill UK Core areas. Students should work closely with their advisor to complete the UK Core requirements.

1. **Intellectual Inquiry in Arts and Creativity**
   
   Choose one course from approved list.................................................................3

2. **Intellectual Inquiry in the Humanities**
   
   Choose one course from approved list.................................................................3

3. **Intellectual Inquiry in the Social Sciences**
   
   SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology or one course from approved list ..................3

4. **Intellectual Inquiry in the Natural, Physical, and Mathematical Sciences**
   
   Choose one course from approved list.................................................................3

5. **Composition and Communication I**
   
   CIS/WRD 110 Composition and Communication I ............................................3

6. **Composition and Communication II**
   
   CIS/WRD 111 Composition and Communication II ............................................3

7. **Quantitative Foundations**
   
   Choose one course from approved list.................................................................3

8. **Statistical Inferential Reasoning**
   
   Choose one course from approved list.................................................................3

9. **Community, Culture and Citizenship in the USA**
   
   AAS 200 Introduction to African-American Studies or one course from approved list 3

10. **Global Dynamics**
    
    AAS 100 Introduction to African Studies or one course from approved list ..........3

**UK Core hours:......................................................................................30**

### Graduation Composition and Communication Requirement (GCCR)

AAS 401 Independent Reading and Research in African-American and Africana Studies .................................................................3

### Graduation Composition and Communication Requirement hours (GCCR).................................................................3

#### College Requirements

1. **Foreign Language (placement exam recommended)...........................................0-14
   
   a. **Disciplinary Requirements**
      
      a. Natural Science.........................................................................................6
      
      b. Social Science...........................................................................................6
      
      c. Humanities................................................................................................6

2. **Laboratory or Field Work......................................................................................1

3. **Race and Ethnicity Requirement...........................................................................0-3

4. **Electives.................................................................................................................6

**College Requirement hours:.................................................................25-42**

#### Major Core Requirements

AAS 100 Introduction to African Studies .................................................................3

AAS 200 Introduction to African-American Studies .............................................3

AAS 301 Introduction to the African Diaspora .......................................................3

AAS 401 Independent Reading and Research in African-American and Africana Studies .................................................................3

* AAS 400 Special Topics in African-American and Africana Studies (Subtitle required) .................................................................6

**Major Core hours:......................................................................................18**

*Students must take AAS 400 twice under different subtitles to satisfy the major core requirement.

#### Guided Electives

Students must take at least 15 hours of electives from the approved list, of which 12 credit hours must be at the 300 level or above:

- A-H 308 Studies in African Arts (Subtitle required) .............................................3
- AAS/ENG 168 All That Speak of Jazz: An Intellectual Inquiry Into Jazz and Democracy .................................................................3
- AAS/SOC 235 Inequalities in Society ......................................................................3
- AAS/HIS 253 History of Pre-Colonial Africa .........................................................3
- AAS/HIS 254 History of Colonial and Postcolonial Africa ...................................3
- AAS/HIS 260 African American History to 1865 ................................................3
- AAS/HIS 261 African American History 1865-Present .........................................3
- AAS/FR 263 African and Caribbean Literature and Culture of French Expression in Translation (Subtitle required) .................................................................3
- AAS 264/ENG 260 Introduction to Black Writers ..................................................3
- AAS/MUS 300 History of Jazz ................................................................................3
- AAS/ANT 326 Contemporary African Lives ..........................................................3
- AAS/GE 328 Geography of the Middle East and North Africa ..............................3
- AAS/GE 336 Geography of Sub-Saharan Africa ...................................................3
- AAS/HIS 360 Race and Sports in America .............................................................3

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From Outside the Major Department
Students must complete 6 or more credit hours of courses outside the AAS prefix, but in allied departments and programs at the 200 level or above to bring the total number of credit hours within the major to 39. Free electives may not be counted toward the UK Core or A&S requirements. Applicable departments and programs include (by prefix): A&S, AIS, A-H, HIS, SOC, ENG, FR, MUS, ANT, GEO, PS, SW, EDP, GWS.  6

Total Minimum Hours
Required for Degree  120

Guided Elective hours:  15