

AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES, BA

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This interdisciplinary department offers the opportunity for study, research, and community involvement in African American Studies and enables students to explore cultural, literary, historical, political, socioeconomic and other issues affecting African Americans, as well as links with continental Africa and the Caribbean. The department offers a minor and a major, leading to a B.A. degree, and enables students to explore the field through courses in the social sciences and the humanities. Students seeking a B.A. degree in African American Studies must successfully complete AAS 112 Introduction to African American Studies /ANT 112 Introduction to African American Studies before formal admission to the major.

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Explain major cultural figures, texts, expression, and movements in Black Studies
2. Explain knowledge of major social and political issues in Black Studies
3. Develop knowledge of major social, cultural, & political factors that have defined the Black experience across time and/or space (Diasporic orientation)
4. Learn how race, class, gender, and/or sexualities functions within the contours of the Black experience (intersectionality)
5. Develop critical thinking skills applicable to issues in Black Studies
6. Develop ability to conceive & execute independent inquiries in Black Studies
7. Develop effective written and oral communications

Code	Title	Credits
Prerequisite		
Students must complete the prerequisite before admission to the major:		
AAS 112	Introduction to African American Studies	3
Core Credits		
One course is required from each Group		15
<i>Group A: Literature (Choose One)</i>		
AAS 231	African American Literature to 1900: An Introduction	
AAS 232	African American Literature: 20th and 21st Centuries	
<i>Group B: Art, Music, Religion (Choose One)</i>		
AAS 206	Introduction to African American Music	

AAS 345 African American Religious History

AAS 361 Art of the Black World

Group C: History (Choose One)

AAS 332 African American History: Through the 19th Century

AAS 333 African American History: After the 19th Century

Group D: Political Science & Sociology (Choose One)

AAS 306 African American Politics

AAS 309 Race, Gender and Sexuality in the African Diaspora

AAS 341 Politics of Africa

AAS 353 Sociology of the African American Experience

Group E: Major Capstone

AAS 401 Research in African American Studies

Electives

Students must complete twelve elective credits of AAS courses for the major. Students who take two 200-level courses in the AAS Core may not count more than one 200-level elective course toward the AAS major. 12

Total Credits 30

College of Arts and Sciences Requirements

For all Arts and Sciences|Maxwell students, successful completion of a bachelor's degree in this major requires a minimum of 120 credits, 96 of which must be Arts and Sciences|Maxwell credits, completion of the Liberal Arts Core (<https://coursecatalog.syracuse.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/#text>) requirements, and the requirements for this major (30 credits) that are listed above.

Dual Enrollments:

Students dually enrolled in **Newhouse*** and Arts and Sciences|Maxwell will complete a minimum of 122 credits, with at least 90 credits in Arts and Sciences|Maxwell coursework and an Arts and Sciences|Maxwell major.

*Students dually enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences|Maxwell as first year students must complete the Liberal Arts Core (<https://coursecatalog.syracuse.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/#text>). Students who transfer to the dual program after their first year as singly enrolled students in the Newhouse School will satisfy general requirements for the dual degree program by completing the Newhouse Core Requirements.

Undergraduate University Requirements

The following requirements and experiences apply to all Syracuse University Undergraduate matriculated degree programs.

- IDEA Course Requirement (<https://coursecatalog.syracuse.edu/undergraduate/idea-course-requirement/>)
- First Year Seminar (<https://coursecatalog.syracuse.edu/undergraduate/courses/fys/>)