Africana Studies Major and Minor
The Road To Your Future

The Africana Studies major is designed for students with an interest in shaping the world. In the Africana Studies major students will understand the complexities, struggles, and successes of people of African descent that exist throughout the world. Through an interdisciplinary approach that combines the social sciences with those of the humanities, Africana Studies critically examines the societies and peoples of Africa and African descent and their relationship to the world.

Africana Studies has two concentrations – Africana humanities and Africana social sciences. Humanities courses involve one or more of the following disciplines: literature; dance; music; theater; and film. Social science courses involve one or more of the following disciplines: anthropology, history, sociology, psychology, political science, and health sciences.

There are no limitations with your degree in Africana Studies. Africana Studies is excellent preparation for law, politics, public policy, teaching, or business, as well as graduate or professional school. In Africana Studies you will gain skills in global perspective, critical thinking and analysis, problem solving, research methodology, and writing, – all the skills employers are looking for. The undergraduate degree in Africana Studies will prepare you for the complex challenges facing the world in the 21st century, locally, nationally, and globally.

Required courses for the Africana Studies major

The Africana Studies major requires the completion of 30 credits, which includes core courses and elective courses as determined by the student’s selection of either the social sciences concentration or the humanities concentration.

Core courses
AFRCNA 0031 Introduction to Africana Studies
AFRCNA 1768 African Senior Research Seminar
AFRCNA 1900 Internship (Field Placement)

Humanities concentration
Students who choose this option must complete seven courses as follows.
Two lower-level AFRCNA Humanities Courses
Three 1000-level AFRCNA Humanities Courses
One lower-level AFRCNA Social Science Course
One 1000-level AFRCNA Social Science Course

Social Science concentration
Students who choose this option must complete seven courses as follows.
Two lower-level AFRCNA Social Science Courses
Three 1000-level AFRCNA Social Science Courses
One lower-level AFRCNA Humanities Course
One 1000-level AFRCNA Humanities Course

Grade requirements
A minimum GPA of 2.0 in departmental courses is required for graduation.

Checklist for the Africana Studies minor

Option 1: African-American Culture track (15 credits)
AFRCNA 0031 Introduction to Africana Studies
AFRCNA (lower level) 1
AFRCNA (upper level) 1
AFRCNA (upper level) 1

Option 2: African Culture track (15 credits)
AFRCNA 0031 Introduction to Africana Studies
AFRCNA (lower level) 2
AFRCNA (lower level) 2
AFRCNA (upper level) 2
AFRCNA (upper level) 2

Option 3: Multidisciplinary track (15 credits)
AFRCNA 0031 Introduction to Africana Studies
AFRCNA (lower level humanities) 3
AFRCNA (lower level social science) 3
AFRCNA (upper level humanities) 3
AFRCNA (upper level social science) 3

Note: Students must apply for any official minor they will complete or have completed at the time they apply for graduation

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Electives Social Science courses

Lower Level courses
AFRCNA 0120 African American Experience in Sports
AFRCNA 0127 Introduction to Africa
AFRCNA 0311 Introduction to the African American Family
AFRCNA 0313 The Black Church
AFRCNA 0318 History of Africa before 1800
AFRCNA 0385 Caribbean History
AFRCNA 0434 Psychological Exp of the African American Female
AFRCNA 0536 20th Century African American Women's History
AFRCNA 0586 Early African Civilizations
AFRCNA 0628 Afro-Latin America
AFRCNA 0629 Afro-American History
AFRCNA 0630 Afro-American History
AFRCNA 0787 Black Consciousness

Upper Level Courses
AFRCNA 1012 Early 20th Century Black Social Movement
AFRCNA 1021 History of the African Diaspora
AFRCNA 1030 African Politics
AFRCNA 1039 History of Caribbean Slavery
AFRCNA 1083 Special Topics
AFRCNA 1108 African American Folk Culture
AFRCNA 1201 Global Diasporas: Contemp African/Caribbean Migr
AFRCNA 1250 Black Europe
AFRCNA 1309 Women of Africa and the African Diaspora
AFRCNA 1310 Cultures of Africa
AFRCNA 1330 Science and Technology in African Context
AFRCNA 1331 African Liberation Movements
AFRCNA 1402 Learning Paradigms African American Child
AFRCNA 1420 Power & Performance in Africa: Hip-Life - Soukouss
AFRCNA 1425 Caribbean Identities
AFRCNA 1510 Health in the African Diaspora
AFRCNA 1522 Sex and Racism
AFRCNA 1535 Dimensions of Racism
AFRCNA 1537 Race and the Criminal Justice System
AFRCNA 1538 History of Black Pittsburghers
AFRCNA 1628 Afro-Latinos in the United States
AFRCNA 1656 History of Africa since 1800
AFRCNA 1661 Political Economy of Africa
AFRCNA 1710 African American Health Issues
AFRCNA 1720 West Africa/Era Of Slave Trade
AFRCNA 1725 Social And Health Issues In East Africa
AFRCNA 1760 Africana Theory and Methodology

Electives Humanities courses

Lower Level courses
AFRCNA 0150 African American Literature
AFRCNA 0212 West African Dance
AFRCNA 0242 Africana Urban Woman
AFRCNA 0316 African American Theatre
AFRCNA 0352 African American Dance
AFRCNA 0454 Man/Woman Literature
AFRCNA 0508 Swahili Language & Culture Immersion
AFRCNA 0517 African American Poetry
AFRCNA 0527 African Literature
AFRCNA 0528 Swahili
AFRCNA 0529 Swahili
AFRCNA 0526 Swahili
AFRCNA 0630 Afro-American History
AFRCNA 0639 History of Jazz
AFRCNA 0535 Comparative Dance Expression
AFRCNA 0536 African American Poetry
AFRCNA 0537 Race and the Criminal Justice System
AFRCNA 0538 History of Black Pittsburghers
AFRCNA 0628 Afro-Latinos in the United States
AFRCNA 0656 History of Africa since 1800
AFRCNA 0661 Political Economy of Africa
AFRCNA 0710 African American Health Issues
AFRCNA 0720 West Africa/Era Of Slave Trade
AFRCNA 0725 Social And Health Issues In East Africa
AFRCNA 0760 Africana Theory and Methodology

Upper Level courses
AFRCNA 1024 West African Cultures And Society
AFRCNA 1026 African Presence in Latin American Literature
AFRCNA 1033 African Americans and the Mass Media
AFRCNA 1083 Special Topics
AFRCNA 1145 African American Rhetoric
AFRCNA 1150 Contemporary African American Writing
AFRCNA 1240 African Literature and Society
AFRCNA 1245 Studio in Blues Poetics
AFRCNA 1306 World Literature in English Literature
AFRCNA 1334 Music in Africa
AFRCNA 1349 Contemporary Caribbean Literature
AFRCNA 1353 Comparative Dance Expression
AFRCNA 1397 Afro-Futurism: Music and Race
AFRCNA 1415 Race and Religion
AFRCNA 1416 From Vodou To Santeria: Religions
AFRCNA 1450 Africana Cultural Memory
AFRCNA 1555 Afro Caribbean Dance
AFRCNA 1616 African American Women Writers
AFRCNA 1655 African Cinema and Screen Griots
AFRCNA 1704 Africana World Literature

FROM SKILLS TO CAREER

AFRICANA STUDIES majors develop both general and technical skills applicable to a wide range of careers. For example, examining evidence is a skill that professors, lawyers, health workers, or personnel directors use on a daily basis.

Many majors go on to graduate or professional school. The list below is a sample of careers undertaken by AFRICANA STUDIES graduates.

- Business and Finance
- Public Relations & Marketing
- Medicine and Psychology
- Curatorial & Archive Management
- Education (Pre-K – Adult)
- Higher Education
- Government & Public Administration
- Global Affairs & Development
- Law
- Non-profit Management
- Performance and Creative Writing
- Public Health
- Social Work/Human Services
- Urban Development

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