

AFRICANA STUDIES: AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES, BA

Africana Studies is an interdisciplinary field of study devoted to the critical and systematic examination of the cultural, political, social, economic, and historical experiences of African Americans, Africans, and peoples of African descent around the world. Our course of study is designed to provide students with an integrated understanding and appreciation for a new global black studies. An undergraduate degree in Africana Studies prepares students for graduate work in the humanities, social sciences, and professional schools, as well as a range of careers in teaching, business, public service, and the arts, among others.

The minimum total course units (<https://www.college.upenn.edu/credits-needed-major/>) for graduation in this major is 32. Double majors may entail more course units.

African Language courses do not count toward the Major Requirements.

For more information: <https://africana.sas.upenn.edu/department/undergraduate> (<https://africana.sas.upenn.edu/department/undergraduate/>)

For information about the General Education requirements, please visit the College of Arts & Sciences Curriculum (<https://www.college.upenn.edu/curriculum/>) page.

Code	Title	Course Units
College General Education Requirements and Free Electives		
Foundational Approaches + Sectors ¹ + Free Electives		20
<i>Core Requirements</i>		
AFRC 1001	Introduction to Africana Studies	1
AFRC 1002	Introduction to Africa	1
<i>Category Requirements</i>		
Humanities Course		
AFRC 2325	August Wilson and Beyond	1
Social Science Course		
AFRC 1060	Race and Ethnic Relations	1
or AFRC 2430	Race, Science & Justice	
or SOCI 1060	Race and Ethnic Relations	
or SOCI 2430	Race, Science & Justice	
Methodology Course		
AFRC 2010	Social Statistics	1
or SOCI 2010	Social Statistics	
Research Course ²		
AFRC 3500	American Slavery and the Law (or similar)	1
<i>Concentration³</i>		4
<i>Elective</i>		7
<i>Capstone</i>		
AFRC 3999	Independent Study	1
or AFRC 4990	Honors Course	
Total Course Units		32

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You may count no more than one course toward both a Major and a Sector requirement. For Exceptions, check the Policy Statement (<http://www.college.upenn.edu/sectors-policy/>).

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Select a Research Course at the 3000-4000 level.

3

Must include one history course.

Honors

A minimum GPA of 3.3 is required. Please consult with the Program Director for further details of requirements.

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AFRC 4990	Honors Course	1

The degree and major requirements displayed are intended as a guide for students entering in the Fall of 2023 and later. Students should consult with their academic program regarding final certifications and requirements for graduation.