

Africana Studies, BA

Africana studies is an interdisciplinary field of study that is focused on the experience of Black people throughout the world. This includes people and cultures identified as African, African American, Latin American, Black European, and Caribbean. The field is devoted to the critical and systematic examination of the cultural, political, social, economic, and historical experiences of the African diaspora across the globe.

Program Requirements

- Concentrations and course offerings may vary by campus and/or by program modality. Please consult with your advisor or admissions coach for the course availability each term at your campus or within your program modality.
- Certain options within the program may be *required* at certain campuses or for certain program modalities. Please consult with your advisor or admissions coach for requirements at your campus or for your program modality.

Complete all courses listed below unless otherwise indicated. Also complete any corequisite labs, recitations, clinicals, or tools courses where specified and complete any additional courses needed beyond specific college and major requirements to satisfy graduation credit requirements.

Universitywide Requirements

All undergraduate students are required to complete the Universitywide Requirements (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/university-wide-requirements/>).

BA Language Requirements

All BA students are required to complete the BA degree language requirements, for a total of 12 semester hours of language study or demonstrated equivalent proficiency, as described in Additional Requirements for BA students (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/nupath/ba-requirements/>). Successful demonstration of proficiency does not reduce total minimum semester hours of study required to earn the BA degree.

NUpath Requirements

All undergraduate students are required to complete the NUpath Requirements (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/nupath/>).

Major Requirements

Please contact africanastudies@northeastern.edu if you see a class (with or without the AFCS prefix) that you believe would apply to any of the requirements below but is not listed. We are more than happy to consider exceptions.

Code	Title	Hours
Introduction to Africana Studies		
AFCS 1101	Introduction to African American and Africana Studies	4
Approaches to the Field		
Complete two of the following:		8
AFCS 1140	Introduction to African-American History	
AFCS 1225	Gender, Race, and Medicine	
AFCS 1270	Introduction to Global Health	
AFCS 2270	Race, Ethnicity, and Inequality	
AFCS 2325	Black Feminist Studies	
AFCS 2600	Issues in Race, Science, and Technology	
AFCS 3120	Race, Crime, and Justice	
AFCS 3305	Beyond the Binary: Race, Sex, and Science	
AFCS 3323	Race, Inequality, and the Law	
AFCS 5001	Special Topics in Race and the Law	
AFCS 5544	Seminar in Black Leadership	
Exploring Intellectual Traditions and Cultural Production		
Complete three of the following:		12
AFCS 1113	Black Popular Culture	
AFCS 2296	Early African-American Literature	
AFCS 2455	American Women Writers	

AFCS 2619	Race and Religion in Film
AFCS 2690	Boston in Literature
AFCS 3404	African American Rhetorical Traditions
AFCS 3664	Black Poetry and the Spoken Word
AFCS 3900	Gender and Black World Literatures
AFCS 4588	Literature in Context

Understanding Society and Social Movements

Complete three of the following:		12
AFCS 1261	Global Caribbean	
AFCS 2318	New England Stories: Storytelling and the African American Experience	
AFCS 2325	Black Feminist Studies	
AFCS 2330	Afro-Latin American Studies	
AFCS 2337	African American History Before 1900	
AFCS 2355	Race, Identity, Social Change, and Empowerment	
AFCS 2380	Black Families and Incarceration	
AFCS 2390	Africa and the World in Early Times	
AFCS 2410	Possession, Sacrifice, and Divination in African Diasporic Religions	
AFCS 2900	Swahili, Culture, and Politics in Kenya	
AFCS 3424	Epidemiology of Pandemic Diseases and Health Disparities in the African Diaspora	
AFCS 4526	Afro-Asian Relations in the Americas	
AFCS 4939	Community Health, Culture, and Development in Kenya	

Electives

Code	Title	Hours
Complete one AFCS course at the 2000 level or above.		4
Complete one AFCS course at the 3000 level or above.		4

Capstone Requirement

Code	Title	Hours
AFCS 4700	Capstone	4

Africana Studies Major Credit Requirements

Complete 48 semester hours in the major.

Experiential Liberal Arts

All students in this College of Social Sciences and Humanities program are required to complete the Experiential Liberal Arts Requirement (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/#ela>).

Program Requirements

128 total semester hours required

Plan of Study

Sample Plan of Study: Four Years, Two Co-ops in Summer 2/Fall

Year 1							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
AFCS 1101	4	AFCS 1113	4	Elective	4	Elective	4
CLTR 1000	1	AFCS 1225	4	Elective	4	Elective	4
ENGW 1111	4	Elective	4	4			
MATH 1215	4	Elective	4	4			
Elective	4						
		17	16		8		8
Year 2							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
AFCS 2355	4	AFCS 1261	4	Elective	4	Co-op	0
AFCS 3900	4	EESH 2000	1	Elective	4	4	

BA language requirement course 1	4	BA language requirement course 2	4				
Course to fulfill NUPath requirement	4	Elective	4				
		Elective	4				
	16		17		8		0
Year 3							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
Co-op	0	AFCS 2410	4	Upper-division elective	4	Co-op	0
		AFCS 4526	4	Elective	4		
		ENGW 3315	4				
		BA language requirement course 3	4				
	0		16		8		0
Year 4							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours				
Co-op	0	AFCS 3424	4				
		AFCS 4700	4				
		Elective	4				
		Elective	4				
	0		16				

Total Hours: 130