

Africana Studies and English, BA

Overview

The combined major in Africana studies and English offers students the opportunity to integrate their studies of both disciplines and explore the historical, practical, and theoretical relationships between the two disciplines. In addition to considering the significant points of contention, students explore the ways in which insights from Africana studies can be brought to bear on the disciplinary issues and questions of English studies. Within the combined major, students may also choose to focus their studies on a range of topics related to literature, writing, narrative, and cultural production in the United States, the Americas, Europe, Africa, and across the global African Diaspora.

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/>).

Africana Studies Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Introduction to College		
CLTR 1000	Cultures, Societies, and Global Studies at Northeastern	1
Introduction to Africana Studies		
AFCS 1101	Introduction to African American and Africana Studies	4
Approaches to the Field		
Complete three of the following. AFCS 4700 will also fulfill the capstone requirement of this program:		12
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 4700	Capstone	
AFCS 5001	Special Topics in Race and the Law	
AFCS 5544	Seminar in Black Leadership	

Exploring Intellectual Traditions and Cultural Production

Complete two of the following:		8
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 two of the following:		8
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 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 3210	Black Abolition Studies: Carcerality, Liberation, and Resistance	
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	

English Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Foundational Courses		
ENGL 1400	Introduction to Literary Studies	4
ENGL 1160 or ENGL 1410	Introduction to Rhetoric Introduction to Research on Writing	4
ENGL 1700 or ENGL 1701	Global Literatures 1 Global Literatures 2	4

English Electives

Two of the courses chosen from the lists below must be at the 3000 or 4000 level.

Code	Title	Hours
Diversity		
Complete one course from the following. You may reuse this course to fulfill an additional English requirement below:		4
ENGL 2296	Early African-American Literature	
ENGL 2450	Postcolonial Literature	
ENGL 2455	American Women Writers	
ENGL 2470	Asian-American Literature	
ENGL 2760	Writing in Global Contexts	
ENGL 3678	Bedrooms and Battlefields: Hebrew Bible and the Origins of Sex, Gender, and Ethnicity	
ENGL 3685	Modern and Contemporary Jewish Literature	

Literary Periods

Pre-1850

Complete one course from the following:		4
ENGL 1500	British Literature to 1800	
ENGL 1502	American Literature to 1865	

ENGL 1600	Introduction to Shakespeare
ENGL 2296	Early African-American Literature
ENGL 2330	The American Renaissance
ENGL 3101	Early Literatures
ENGL 3120	17th- and 18th-Century Literatures
ENGL 3160	Topics in 17th- and 18th-Century British Literatures
ENGL 3619	Emerson and Thoreau
ENGL 3678	Bedrooms and Battlefields: Hebrew Bible and the Origins of Sex, Gender, and Ethnicity
or JWSS 3678	Bedrooms and Battlefields: Hebrew Bible and the Origins of Sex, Gender, and Ethnicity
ENGL 4010	Topics in Shakespeare

Post-1850

Complete one of the following courses: 4

ENGL 2301	The Graphic Novel
ENGL 2420	Contemporary Poetry
ENGL 2430	Contemporary Fiction
ENGL 2440	The Modern Bestseller
ENGL 2450	Postcolonial Literature
ENGL 2451	Postcolonial Women Writers
ENGL 2455	American Women Writers
ENGL 2470	Asian-American Literature
ENGL 2600	Irish Literary Culture (Abroad)
ENGL 3161	20th- and 21st-Century Literatures
ENGL 3685	Modern and Contemporary Jewish Literature
or JWSS 3685	Modern and Contemporary Jewish Literature
ENGL 3730	20th- and 21st-Century Major Figure

Theories and Methods

Complete one of the following: 4

ENGL 1140	Grammar: The Architecture of English
ENGL 1160	Introduction to Rhetoric
ENGL 1410	Introduction to Research on Writing
ENGL 1450	Reading and Writing in the Digital Age
ENGL 2510	Horror Fiction
ENGL 2520	Science Fiction
ENGL 2620	What Is Nature?
ENGL 2690	Boston in Literature
ENGL 3070	Literary Genres
ENGL 3325	Rhetoric of Law
ENGL 3381	The Practice and Theory of Teaching Writing
ENGL 3400	Opening the Archive
ENGL 3487	Film and Text (Abroad)
ENGL 3700	Narrative Medicine
ENGL 4100	Topics in Literary Criticism (reactivating for Fall 24)
LING 1150	Introduction to Language and Linguistics
LING 2350	Linguistic Analysis
LING 3450	Syntax
LING 3452	Semantics
LING 3454	History of English
LING 3456	Language and Gender
LING 3458	Topics in Linguistics

Major Seminar

ENGL 3710 Major Seminar 4

Writing

Complete one of the following: 4

ENGL 2700	Creative Writing
ENGL 2710	Style and Editing
ENGL 2730	Digital Writing
ENGL 2740	Writing and Community Engagement
ENGL 2760	Writing in Global Contexts
ENGL 2770	Writing to Heal
ENGL 2850	Writing for Social Media: Theory and Practice
ENGL 3375	Writing Boston
ENGL 3376	Creative Nonfiction
ENGL 3377	Poetry Workshop
ENGL 3378	Fiction Workshop
ENGL 3380	Writing Seminar
ENGL 3384	The Writer's Marketplace

English Electives

Complete any two ENGL courses that have not already been used to fulfill another requirement. 8

Integrative Course

Code	Title	Hours
Complete one of the following:		4
AFCS 2296 or ENGL 2296	Early African-American Literature	
AFCS 3404 or ENGL 3404	African American Rhetorical Traditions	
AFCS 3664 or ENGL 3664	Black Poetry and the Spoken Word	
AFCS 3900 or ENGL 3900	Gender and Black World Literatures	

Capstone

Code	Title	Hours
Complete one of the following. AFCS 4700 will also fulfill an Approaches to the Field course requirement of this program:		4
AFCS 4700	Capstone	
ENGL 4710	Capstone Seminar	

Africana Studies and English Combined-Major Credit Requirement

Complete 86 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
CLTR 1000		1 ENGL 1400		4 ENGL elective		4 Elective	4
ENGL 1160		4 Language course		4 Language course		4 Elective	4
ENGW 1111		4 AFCS 2619		4			
AFCS 1101		4 Integrative course		4			
AFCS 1225		4					
		17			16		
					8		
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Year 2							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
Integrative Course		4 ENGL diversity course		4 AFCS 1270		4 Co-op	0
Pre-1850 literature course		4 AFCS 2355		4 Elective		4	
AFCS 1113		4 AFCS 4526		4			
AFCS 1261		4 Post-1850 literature course		4			
		16		16		8	0
Year 3							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
Co-op		0 Advanced Writing in the Disciplines		4 ENGL writing course		4 Co-op	0
		Elective		4 Elective		4	
		ENGL 3710		4			
		Elective		4			
		0		16		8	0
Year 4							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours				
Co-op		0 Capstone course		4			
		ENGL theories and methods course		4			
		ENGL elective		4			
		Elective		4			
		0		16			

Total Hours: 129