

# Africana Studies and Human Services, BA

## Overview

A combined major in Africana studies and human services offers students the opportunity to integrate their studies of the cultural, political, socioeconomic, and historical experiences of the peoples of the global African Diaspora with preparation for careers in social change by providing them with the theoretical and skill-based background necessary for practice and research.

Students take academically rigorous courses relevant to the field while honing their skills through our extensive experiential educational opportunities. Through courses, service-learning, co-op, and internships, students may acquire theoretical and professional skills related to critical race cultural literacies, historical analysis, counseling, nonprofit management, political advocacy, as well as organizational and community development.

## Program Requirements

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
<b>Foundational Course</b>		
AFAM 1101 or AFRS 1101	Introduction to African American and Africana Studies Introduction to African Studies	4
<b>Introductory Course</b>		
Complete one of the following:		4
AFAM 1104	The African-American Experience through Music	
AFAM 1113	Black Popular Culture	
AFAM 1225	Gender, Race, and Medicine	
AFRS 1270	Introduction to Global Health	
<b>Humanities</b>		
Complete three of the following:		12
AFAM 2296	Early African-American Literature	
AFAM 2619	Race and Religion in Film	
AFAM 3404	African American Rhetorical Traditions	
AFAM 3664	Black Poetry and the Spoken Word	
AFRS 2410	Possession, Sacrifice, and Divination in African Diasporic Religions	
AFRS 3900	Gender and Black World Literatures	
<b>Social Sciences</b>		
Complete three of the following:		12
AFAM 2600	Issues in Race, Science, and Technology	
AFAM 2618	Community Psychology	
AFAM 3120	Race, Crime, and Justice	
AFAM 3270	Race, Ethnicity, and Inequality	
AFAM 5001	Special Topics in Race and the Law	
AFRS 2307	Africa Today	

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AFRS 2464	Natural Resources and Sustainable Development
AFRS 3424	Epidemiology of Pandemic Diseases and Health Disparities in the African Diaspora
AFRS 3460	Contemporary Government and Politics in Africa

**Electives**

Complete one AFAM or AFRS course at the 2000 level or above.	4
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**Human Services Requirements**

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Foundational Courses</b>		
HUSV 1000 or CLTR 1000	Human Services at Northeastern Cultures, Societies, and Global Studies at Northeastern	1
EESH 2000	Professional Development for Co-op	1
<b>Human Services Overview</b>		
HUSV 1101	Social Change and Human Services	4
HUSV 2300	Counseling in Human Services	4
HUSV 2355	Race, Identity, Social Change, and Empowerment	4
HUSV 2970	Research Methods for Human Services	4
HUSV 3570	The Nonprofit Sector, Philanthropy, and Social Change	4
HUSV 3900	Social Policy	4
HUSV 4994	Human Services Internship	6
<b>Electives</b>		
Complete two electives in HUSV not used to fulfill other requirements for the degree.		8

**Integrative Course**

Code	Title	Hours
AFAM 2618	Community Psychology	4

**Senior Capstone**

Code	Title	Hours
Complete one of the following:		
AFAM 4700 or HUSV 4700	Capstone Senior Seminar in Human Services	4

**Africana Studies and Human Services 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
AFAM 1101		4 HUSV 2300		4 Africana studies humanities course		4 Africana studies 3000-level elective	4
ENGW 1111		4 Africana studies humanities course		4 Foreign language course		4 NUPath elective	4
HUSV 1000 or CLTR 1000	1	Africana studies social sciences course		4			
HUSV 1101	4	Foreign language course		4			

Africana studies introductory course	4							
	<b>17</b>			<b>16</b>		<b>8</b>		<b>8</b>
<b>Year 2</b>								
<b>Fall</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Summer 1</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Summer 2</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Hours</b>
Africana studies humanities course	4	AFAM 2355		4 Africana studies 2000-level elective		4 Co-op		
Africana studies social sciences course	4	EESH 2000		1 Elective		4		
NUpath elective	4	HUSV 3570		4				
NUpath elective		HUSV elective		4				
		HUSV elective		4				
	<b>12</b>			<b>17</b>		<b>8</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>Year 3</b>								
<b>Fall</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Summer 1</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Summer 2</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Hours</b>
Co-op		HUSV 3900		4 ENGW 3308 or 3315		4 Co-op		
		HUSV 4994		6 Elective		4		
		HUSV elective		4				
		Elective		4				
	<b>0</b>			<b>18</b>		<b>8</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>Year 4</b>								
<b>Fall</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Hours</b>					
Co-op		AFAM 2618	4					
		AFAM 4700 or HUSV 4700	4					
		HUSV elective	4					
		Elective	4					
	<b>0</b>		<b>16</b>					
<b>Total Hours: 128</b>								