

Cover Sheet: Request 10726

Change to AFA Major Requirement

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Description	The African American Studies major will still require 30 hours, but will now require only one senior seminar rather than two. In addition, students must take one AFA course from a list of courses.

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Responses

Major Name

Enter the name of the major. Example: "Mathematical Modeling"

Response:
African American Studies

Major Code

Enter the two-letter or three-letter major code.

Response:
AFA

Degree Program Name

Enter the name of the degree program in which the major is offered.

Response:
Bachelor of Arts

Effective Term

Enter the term (semester and year) that the curriculum change would be effective.

Response:
Fall

Effective Year

Response:
2016

Proposed Changes

Describe the proposed changes to the curriculum.

Response:
We are now requiring only one African American Studies Senior Seminar rather than two (a part one and a part two).

We are adding a requirement that students select one course from a list of AFA coursework rather than a second seminar.

The other requirements remain the same for the 30 hour major.

Pedagogical Rationale/Justification

Describe the rationale for the proposed changes to the curriculum.

Response:

Instead of taking a two-semester senior seminar, students will take a one semester seminar and an additional research course. This will allow them to complete the readings and research paper in the seminar and to also complete a comprehensive research paper in the additional course.

This change is being made because of the rapid growth of the African American Studies major. Because of the large number of students, it is becoming difficult for the faculty to offer both seminars during the fall, spring, and summer semesters. The change will allow faculty to offer more than one section of the senior seminar (rather than several sections of two seminars) during the fall and spring and one section of the seminar during the summer. It will also result in higher enrollments in the courses that are included in the African American required course category

Impact on Enrollment, Retention, Graduation

Describe any potential impact of the curriculum changes on students who are currently in the major.

Response:

Students will no longer have to take two seminars. Instead, they will take one seminar and an additional AFA course. The 30-hour requirement remains the same.

The students who are already in the major will take the seminar and one course from the African American required course list.

African-American Studies

The primary emphasis of the African-American Studies program is to educate students about the theories and methodologies pertaining to the study of African Americans. Students will be able to compare and contrast the experiences of people of African descent in the U.S. to those in the wider African Diaspora. They also will learn through participation in community-service activities.

About This Major

- **College:** Liberal Arts and Sciences
- **Degree:** Bachelor of Arts
- **Hours for the Degree:** 120
- **Minor:** Yes
- **Combined-Degree Program:** No
- **Website:** www.clas.ufl.edu/afam/

Overview

This interdisciplinary major provides students with vital writing, research and communication skills. The curriculum emphasizes anthropology, mass communications, education, English, history, linguistics, political science, psychology, religion and sociology. The program also includes courses that emphasize US-Canadian, US-Caribbean and US-African relations and assists students in finding internships for college credit and in applying for study abroad programs.

After obtaining a degree in African-American studies, students can seek careers as archivists, attorneys, civil rights professionals, community organizers, government employees, librarians, public policy professionals, professors, teachers and researchers. Graduates will also be prepared to enter graduate programs in African-American studies and other liberal arts fields, professional degree programs and teacher-training programs.

Coursework for the Major

The major requires 30 credits of coursework in African-American studies core and elective courses. All coursework must be completed with minimum grades of C. A minimum of 15 credits of coursework in the major must be completed at UF. Core and elective courses are often cross-listed with other departments, enabling students to examine the African-American experience from a variety of disciplines.

Required Coursework

- AFA 2000 Introduction to African-American Studies, 3 credits
- AFA 3110 Key Issues in African-American and Black Atlantic Thought, 3 credits
- AFA 4936 Integrative Senior Seminar, 3 credits

- AFA 4937 Integrative Senior Seminar, 3 credits An African American Studies Required Course, 3 credits, chosen from:
 - AFA 3332 Black Feminist and Womanist Theory
 - AFA3354 Race, Religion, and Rebellion
 - AFA3367 African American Religion
 - AFA 3368 Civil Rights and Religion
 - AFA 3360 Archaeology of African-American Life and Culture
 - AFA 3363 The Black Experience: Psychological Perspectives
 - AFA 4352 Black Hair Politics
 - AMH 4574 The Civil Rights Movement
 - POS 4077 African American Politics
 - POS 4624 Race, Law, and the Constitution
- An applied, experiential or research methods course (inside or outside of AFA), 3 credits, chosen from:
 - AFA 3850 Research Methods in African-American History
 - AFA 3915C Mentoring At-Risk Youth
 - AFA 4135 Theories of Black America
 - AFH 4930 History Research Seminar: Africa
 - AMH 4930 History Research Seminar: U.S.
 - ENC 3254 Professional Writing in the Discipline
 - ENC 2305 Analytical Writing and Thinking
 - POS 4734 Research Methods in Political Science
 - REL 3931 Junior Seminar
 - REL 4932 Thesis Seminar in Religion
 - STA 2023 Introduction to Statistics 1
 - STA 2122 Statistics for Social Science
 - STA 3024 Introduction to Statistics 2
 - STA 4322 Introduction to Statistics Theory
 - WST 4935 Capstone Seminar
- AFA-prefixed courses at the 3000-level or higher, 6 credits
- Remaining courses from AFA-prefixed courses (any level) or AFA-approved courses listed in the table at the bottom of the page, 9 credits

Overseas Study

The African-American Studies Program sponsors two study abroad courses. The two-credit African Americans in Paris course is offered during the spring semester and includes the study of the African-American cultural, historical and political experience in Paris, France. Students travel to Paris during spring break. In addition, the three-credit Role of Ghana in the African-American Experience course is offered for two weeks in June of each year.

Critical Tracking

To graduate with this major, students must complete all university, college and major requirements. For degree requirements outside of the major, refer to CLAS Degree Requirements — [Structure of a CLAS Degree](#).

Equivalent critical-tracking courses as determined by the State of Florida [Common Course Prerequisites](#) may be used for transfer students.

Semester 1

- 2.0 GPA required

Semester 2

- Complete AFA 2000
- 2.0 GPA required

Semester 3

- 2.0 GPA required

Semester 4

- 2.0 GPA required for all critical-tracking courses
- 2.0 GPA required

Semester 5

- Complete AFA 3110 and two additional AFA-prefixed or AFA-approved courses with a 2.0 GPA required for all critical-tracking courses
- 2.0 GPA required

Recommended Semester Plan

Students are expected to complete the writing and math requirement while in the process of taking the courses below. Students are required to complete HUM 2305 The Good Life (GE-H) in semester 1 or 2. Students are also expected to complete the general education international (GE-N) and diversity (GE-D) requirements concurrently with another general education requirement (typically, GE-C, H or S).

Semester 1	Credits
IUF 1000 What is the Good Life (GE-H)	3
Composition (State Core GE-C)	3
Foreign language	4-5
Mathematics (State Core GE-M)	3

Total 13-14

Semester 2	Credits
AFA 2000 Introduction to African-American Studies (GE-H)	3
Biological or Physical Science (State Core GE-B or P)	3
Foreign language	3-5
Humanities (State Core GE-H)	3
Social and Behavioral Sciences (State Core GE-S)	3

Total 15-17

Semester 3	Credits
AFA 3110 Key Issues in African-American and Black-Atlantic Thought (GE-D and H)	3
Elective	6
Elective (or foreign language if 4-3-3 option)	3
Social and Behavioral Sciences (GE-S)	3

Total 15

Semester 4	Credits
AFA-prefix course, 3000 level and above	3
AFA-prefix or AFA-approved course	3
Biological or Physical Science (Area <u>not</u> taken in semester 2, GE-B or GE-P)	3
Mathematics (GE-M)	3
Social and Behavioral Science (GE-S)	3

Total 15

Semester 5 **Credits**

AFA-approved or AFA-prefix course	3
Biological Science (GE-B)	3
Elective, 3000 level and above, not in major	3
Electives	7
Total 16	

Semester 6 Credits

AFA-prefix course, 3000 level and above	3
AFA-prefix or AFA-approved courses	3
Applied, experiential or research methods course	3
Composition (GE-C; WR)	3
Elective	3
Total 15	

Semester 7 Credits

AFA 4936 African American Studies Senior Integrative Seminar <u>An AFA required course chosen from the above list of courses.</u>	3
Elective	3
Electives, 3000 level and above, not in major	6
Physical Science (GE-P)	3
Science laboratory (GE-P or B)	1
Total 16	

Semester 8 Credits

AFA 4936 7 African-American Studies Senior Integrative Seminar 2	3
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Elective	3
Electives, 3000 level and above, not in major	9
	Total 15

AFA-Approved Courses

Many of the non-AFA courses listed below will have cross-listed AFA sections available. Please review the African-American studies course offerings each semester.

If AFA 3850 Research Methods in African-American History, AFA 3915C Mentoring At-Risk Youth or AFA 4135 Theories of Black America is used to meet the **Applied, Experiential or Research Methods** course requirement, the course will apply to that requirement only.

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If AFA 3332 Black Feminist and Womanist Theory, AFA3354 Race, Religion, and Rebellion, AFA3367 African American Religion, AFA 3368 Civil Rights and Religion, AFA 3360 Archaeology of African-American Life and Culture, AFA 3363 The Black Experience: Psychological Perspectives, AFA 4352 Black Hair Politics, AMH 4574 The Civil Rights Movement, POS 4077 African American Politics, POS 4624 Race, Law, and the Constitution is used to meet the **African American Required Course** requirement, the course will apply to that requirement only.

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Course	Credit
AMH 3574 Problems in African-American History	3
AMH 3931 African-American Diaspora	3
AMH 3931 African-Americans in the Jim Crow South	3
AMH 4571 American Civil War and Reconstruction	3
AMH 4575 Civil Rights Movements	3
AML 3605 African-American Literature 1	3
AML 3607 African-American Literature 2	3
AML 3673 Asian-American / African-American Interactions	3

AML 4453 Women Writing About Race	3
AML 4685 Race and Ethnicity in American Literature and Culture	3
AML 4685 African-American Women and Culture Critique	3
ANT 3930 The Slave Narrative	3
GEA 3600 Geography of Africa	3
LIT 4188 Pre 1950 Anglo Caribbean Literature	3
LIT 4930 Black Englishes	3
MUH 4016 History of Jazz	3
POS 4077 African-American Politics and Policy	3
POS 4624 Race, Law and the Constitution	3
REL 3139 African-American Religion	3
REL 3179 Race, Religion and Rebellion	3
SYD 3700 Minorities in American Society	3
SYG 2010 Social Problems	3
SYO 4102 American Families	3