AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES, BACHELOR OF ARTS (B.A.) WITH A CONCENTRATION IN EDUCATION

The Bachelor of Arts in African American Studies is an interdisciplinary degree that provides students with knowledge of human cultures and intellectual and practical skills to engage complexity, diversity and change. The degree program fosters students’ personal and social responsibility and, through applied learning experiences, empowers students to negotiate and to solve the complex problems of the 21st century. African American studies majors often pursue graduate and professional degree programs in business, education, history, international relations, law, political science, psychology, public health and social work. Career opportunities with a B.A. only in African American Studies include employment in community health agencies, public and private schools and nonprofit organizations.

Student learning outcomes

Upon completing this program, students will know and know how to do the following:

Program core outcomes

- Demonstrate knowledge of the major concepts, perspectives and theories in Africana studies
- Articulate the manner in which institutional structures and systemic practices shape and affect the experiences of Black people in the United States and abroad
- Demonstrate knowledge of basic methodological approaches (both quantitative and qualitative) in Africana studies and the general role of methodology in building knowledge about the Black experience
- Critically engage and propose integrity-based solutions to problems that impact persons of African descent and their communities

Education concentration-specific outcome

- Apply the disciplinary knowledge of Africana studies to pedagogical theory and teaching approaches

Special requirements

Majors in African American studies must meet the general education requirements of the College of Humanities and Sciences. The Bachelor of Arts in African American Studies requires the completion of 120 credits with at least 30 credits in African American courses.

Students in the education concentration must complete 24 core credits along with the following concentration requirements: AFAM 338, AFAM 361 and EDUS 301; two history courses at the 100 level; one political science course at the 300 level with a focus on the United States; one political science course at the 300 level with an international focus; and one geography course. In addition, students must complete the following ancillary requirements: AFAM 111, HIST 201, HUMS 202, POLI 103 and ECON 203.

Students who are interested in pursuing a Master of Teaching degree should be mindful of the application processes required to enter the program at VCU. There are two such processes: 1) the Extended Teacher Preparation Program, to which undergraduate VCU students apply in their junior or senior year and 2) graduate school, to which students apply during the final semester of their undergraduate course work.

For entry to the extended program, students are required to maintain a minimum GPA of 2.8; to receive a passing score on the VCLA (total score = 470: reading, 235; writing 235); to have completed EDUS 301; and to submit a completed application with all the required supporting documents. Applications are due on Oct. 15 and April 1 each year.

For entry to graduate school, students are required to maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0; to receive a passing score on the GRE; and to submit a completed application with all the required supporting documents.

Students should consult with the African American studies adviser to ensure that they meet these requirements and deadlines.

Degree requirements for African American Studies, Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) with a concentration in education

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Ancillary requirements

| AFAM 111 Play course video for Introduction to Africana Studies | Introduction to Africana Studies (satisfies general education BOK for humanities/fine arts and/or AOI for global perspectives) | 3 |
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POLI 103  U.S. Government and Politics (satisfies general education BOK for social/behavioral sciences and/or AOI for diversities in the human experience)  3

ECON 203  Introduction to Economics (satisfies general education BOK for social/behavioral sciences and/or AOI for diversities in the human experience)  3

HIST 201  The Art of Historical Detection: ____ (satisfies general education BOK for humanities/fine arts and/or AOI for diversities in the human experience)  3

HUMS 202  Choices in a Consumer Society  1

Experiential fine arts  1-3

Foreign language through the 102 level (by course or placement)  0-6

Open electives
Select any course.  32-40

Total Hours  120

Any one of GSWS 393, POLI 320, PSYC 317, SOCY 320 or SLWK 380 may be substituted for this course if completed with a minimum grade of C.

POLI 105 may be substituted. Please consult with an African American Studies advisor.

ECON 101, ECON 210 or ECON 211 may be substituted. Please consult with an African American Studies advisor.

Course offered by the School of the Arts

The minimum number of credit hours required for this degree is 120.

Concentration electives

History (select two from list)

Course  Title  Hours
HIST 101  Survey of European History  3
HIST 102  Survey of European History  3
HIST 103  Survey of American History I  3
HIST 104  Survey of American History II  3
AFAM/HIST 105  Survey of African History  3
AFAM/HIST 106  Survey of African History  3
HIST 107  Survey of East Asian Civilizations  3
HIST 108  Survey of East Asian Civilizations  3
HIST 109  Survey of Latin American History  3
HIST 110  Survey of Latin American History  3

Or a qualifying 100-level course in HIST approved by an African American studies adviser

Political science: United States (select one from list)

Course  Title  Hours
POLI 301  U.S. Parties and Elections  3
POLI 302  Politics of the Civil Rights Movement  3
POLI 303  Public Opinion and Polling  3
POLI 304  Presidential Primaries  3
POLI 305  Political Campaigns and Communication  3
POLI 306  The Congress  3
POLI 307  Political Behavior  3
POLI 308  U.S. Presidency  3
POLI 309  Bureaucratic Politics  3
POLI 310  Public Policy  3
POLI 311  Politics of the Environment  3
POLI 312  Media and Politics  3
POLI 313  U.S. Constitutional Law: Civil Rights and Civil Liberties  3
POLI 314  U.S. Constitutional Law  3
POLI 315  Courts and Politics  3
POLI 316  Women and the Law  3
AFAM/POLI 318  Politics of Race, Class and Gender  3
POLI 319  Women and American Politics  3
POLI 321  Urban Politics  3
POLI 322  State and Local Government and Politics  3
POLI 323  Virginia Government and Politics  3
POLI 329  Intergovernmental Relations  3
POLI 330  Lobbying  3
POLI 331  Public Administration  3
POLI 332  Administrative Law  3
POLI 338  Secrecy, Surveillance, Spies and Lies  3
POLI 339  Politics in Film  3
POLI 340  Feminist Political Theory  3
POLI 341  Classical to Modern Political Theory  3
POLI 342  Modern to Contemporary Political Theory  3
AFAM/POLI 343  Black Political Thought  3
POLI 344  Contemporary Political Theory  3
AFAM/POLI 345  African-American Politics  3
POLI 346  Black Political Activism  3
POLI 347  Black Queer Politics  3
POLI 369  U.S. National Security  3

Or a qualifying 300-level course in POLI approved by an African American studies adviser

Political science: International (select one from list)

Course  Title  Hours
POLI 351  Middle Eastern Government and Politics  3
POLI 352  European Governments and Politics  3
POLI 353  Latin American Governments and Politics  3
Freshman year

Fall semester

AFAM 111  Introduction to Africana Studies (satisfies general education BOK for humanities/fine arts and/or AOI for global perspectives)  3

HUMS 202  Choices in a Consumer Society  1

POLI 103  U.S. Government and Politics (satisfies general education BOK for social/behavioral sciences and AOI for diversities in the human experience)  3

UNIV 101  Introduction to the University  1

UNIV 111  Focused Inquiry I (satisfies general education UNIV foundations)  3

Experiential fine arts  1-3

General education course  3

General education course (select quantitative foundations)  3-4

Term Hours:  14-17

Spring semester

AFAM 201  Theories and Foundations of Africana Studies  3

UNIV 200  Advanced Focused Inquiry: Literacies, Research and Communication (satisfies general education UNIV foundations)  3

UNIV 112  Focused Inquiry II (satisfies general education UNIV foundations)  3

Concentration elective (HIST 1XX)  3

General education course  3

General education course  3

Term Hours:  16

Sophomore year

Fall semester

AFAM 211  Africana Social and Political Thought  3

HIST 201  The Art of Historical Detection: ___  3

Concentration elective (Geography)  3

Foreign language 101  3

Open Elective  3

Term Hours:  15

Spring semester

AFAM 211  Africana Social and Political Thought  3

HIST 201  The Art of Historical Detection: ___  3

Concentration elective (Geography)  3

Foreign language 102  3

General education course  3

Term Hours:  15

Junior year

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