AFRICAN-AMERICAN STUDIES

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The diverse experiences of black people—in the United States, Africa, the Caribbean, South America, and other parts of the world—are the focus of the field of African-American studies. The curriculum is interdisciplinary in approach and includes historical, social and behavioral, and cultural studies. International studies and contemporary public policy issues are also integral parts of the program. In class, in co-op, and in internships, students have an opportunity to apply theoretical knowledge to real-world problems and concerns. Study-abroad programs exist in Ghana, Egypt, South Africa, the Caribbean, and Central and South America.

Students with successful training in African-American studies have the knowledge to meet the challenges posed by diverse racial, cultural, and ethnic groups in the United States and abroad. Many graduates attend professional schools or teach at the secondary or the college level. Others work in museums, libraries, or research centers; in business; or in public service, social service, or law-enforcement agencies.

Transferring to the Major
Same as college standards. Acceptance into the major will be based on students’ meeting the department’s criteria for admission and availability of space in the programs.

Academic Progression Standards
Same as college standards.

BA in African-American Studies

NU CORE REQUIREMENTS
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COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS FOR BA
See page 69 for requirement list.

BS in African-American Studies

NU CORE REQUIREMENTS
See page 42 for requirement list.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN STUDIES MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

Introductory Courses
Complete the following three courses:
AFR U101 African-American Studies 4 SH
AFR U109 Foundations of Black Culture 1 4 SH
AFR U185 Gender in the African Diaspora 4 SH

Literature
Complete the following course:
AFR U663 Early African-American Literature 4 SH

Research and Seminar
Complete the following two courses:
AFR U310 Applied Research in the African Diaspora 4 SH
AFR U700 Advanced Seminar 4 SH

Electives
Complete six African-American studies courses at the intermediate and advanced level from the following list:
AFR U300 to AFR U699

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING
Complete one course in experiential education. Please see department for approved courses.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN STUDIES MAJOR CREDIT REQUIREMENT
Complete 48 semester hours for the major.

UPPER-DIVISION ELECTIVES
Complete three general electives at 300-level or above.

GENERAL ELECTIVES
Additional courses taken beyond college and major course requirements to satisfy graduation credit requirements.

COOPERATIVE EDUCATION
If elected

UNIVERSITY-WIDE REQUIREMENTS
128 total semester hours required
Minimum 2.000 GPA required
Literature
Complete the following course:
AFR U663 Early African-American Literature 4 SH

Research and Seminar
Complete the following two courses:
AFR U310 Applied Research in the African Diaspora 4 SH
AFR U700 Advanced Seminar 4 SH

Electives
Complete six African-American studies courses at the intermediate and advanced level from the following list: AFR U300 to AFR U699

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING
Complete one course in experiential education. Please see department for approved courses.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN STUDIES MAJOR CREDIT REQUIREMENT
Complete 48 semester hours for the major.

UPPER-DIVISION ELECTIVES
Complete three general electives at 300-level or above.

GENERAL ELECTIVES
Additional courses taken beyond college and major course requirements to satisfy graduation credit requirements.

COOPERATIVE EDUCATION
If elected

UNIVERSITY-WIDE REQUIREMENTS
128 total semester hours required
Minimum 2.000 GPA required

Minor in African-American Studies

REQUIRED COURSES
Complete the following four courses:
AFR U101 African-American Studies 4 SH
AFR U109 Foundations of Black Culture 1 4 SH
AFR U185 Gender in the African Diaspora 4 SH
AFR U310 Applied Research in the African Diaspora 4 SH
or AFR U700 Advanced Seminar 4 SH

ELECTIVE COURSE
Complete one additional course in consultation with your advisor.

GPA REQUIREMENT
2.000 GPA required in the minor