African American Studies

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African American Studies is an interdisciplinary, systematic study of the racial, cultural and ethnic experiences of people of African heritage. The program encourages students to understand national and worldviews of African American and African-world people in order to determine how such views have affected perceptions of self, family and community. The variety of courses across academic disciplines enable students to develop new ways of conceptualizing issues related to race and culture. African American Studies offers both a major and minor and is open to all students pursuing an undergraduate degree, race, ethnicity or national origin.

African American Studies Major (Bachelor of Arts)

A total of 30 credits are required for completion of the major in African American Studies. Students are able to declare the major after passing either Introduction to African American Studies (AAM 2000) or Contemporary Black America (AAM 2010). Students are required to complete five core courses designed to help them develop an understanding of the African Diaspora, the impact, interrelationships and dynamics in contemporary African American communities. The remaining five courses can be selected from African American Studies courses and courses originating in and offered by other academic units cross listed with African American Studies. These 15 elective credits should cohere around a theme or specific interest with a disciplinary emphasis in either the humanities or social sciences. A theme can focus on areas such as African American literature, history, politics, communication, popular culture, identity, urban issues, Africa and the Diaspora, Black feminist thought, activism, or social movements. Up to 6 credits of electives can be used to satisfy the Arts and Sciences core as well as the major requirement.

For more information on the African American Studies major please visit the African American Studies Program website at http://www.slu.edu/x16271.xml or stop by the African American Studies program office in McGannon Hall Suite 113.

African American Studies Major Continuation Standards
Students with a major in African American Studies must maintain a 2.0 GPA in courses for the African American major.

Required Courses

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Elective Courses

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Total Credits Required 30 credits

African American Studies Minor

The African American Studies minor can be completed in coordination with any major in the College of Arts and Sciences. Students enrolled in the other Schools and Colleges of the University, should refer to their requirements for coordinating the minor.

African American Studies Minor Continuation Standards
Students with a minor in African American Studies must maintain a 2.0 GPA in courses for the African American minor.

The African American Studies minor has the following 21-credit requirements.
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**Elective courses:** 9 credits

**Total Credits Required:** 21 credits