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 enables 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 (B.A.)
A total of 30 hours 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 200) or Contemporary Black America (AAM 201).

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 hours 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 hours 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.

Required Courses (15 hours)
AAM 200 Introduction to African American Studies 3
AAM 201 Contemporary Black America 3
AAM 300 or 400 African American Studies Class 3
AAM 401 Research and Writing 3
AAM 496 Capstone (taken term of graduation) 3

Elective Courses (15 hours)

Hours required for completion 30
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.

The African American Studies minor has the following 21-hour requirements.

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