Bachelor of Arts

African American and African Studies (BA) Requirements

Lower-Division General Education

- Written Communication (https://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#written) 6
- Oral Communication (https://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#oral) 3
- Mathematics (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#math) 3
- Language and Culture (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#language) 0-6
- Information Literacy and Research (https://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#information) 3
- Human Behavior (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#behavior) 3
- Human Creativity (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#creativity) 3
- Interpreting the Past (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#interpret) 3
- Literature (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#literature) 3
- Philosophy and Ethics (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#philosophy) 3
- The Nature of Science (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#nature) 8
- Impact of Technology (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#impact) 3
- STAT 130M (https://odu-cat-impl-jw.dev8.leepfrog.com/search/?P=STAT%20130M) is required to fulfill the Mathematics requirement

Language and Culture requirement - BS students' competence must be at the 102 level. BA students must have competence through the 202 level and competence is not met by the associate degree.

Information Literacy and Research requirement can be met in the major by POLS 308.

AAST 100S may not be used to satisfy the Human Behavior requirement.

The Interpreting the Past requirement is met in the major by HIST 105H.

The requirements for African American and African Studies majors are outlined below. With the permission of the program director, courses not listed below may be approved as substitutions to fulfill program requirements.

Upper-Division General Education

- Option A. Approved Minor, 12-24 hours; also second degree or second major
- Option B. Interdisciplinary Minor; 12 hours specified by the department, three of which can be in the major
- Option C. An approved certification program such as teaching licensure
- Option D. Two Upper-Division Courses from outside the College of Arts and Letters or from the Arts and Humanities Component within the College of Arts and Letters that are not required by the major (6 hours). AAST courses and any course listed as an elective choice for the major cannot be used to meet this option.

Requirements for Graduation

Requirements for graduation include the following:
- Minimum of 120 credit hours.
- Minimum of 30 credit hours overall and 12 credit hours of upper-level courses in the major program from Old Dominion University.
- Minimum overall cumulative grade point average of C (2.00) in all courses taken.
- Minimum overall cumulative grade point average of C (2.00) in all courses taken toward the major.
- Minimum overall cumulative grade point average of C (2.00) in all courses taken toward a minor.
- Completion of ENGL 110C, ENGL 211C or ENGL 231C, and the writing intensive (W) course in the major with a grade of C or better. The W course must be taken at Old Dominion University.
- Completion of Senior Assessment.

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General Education

- Complete lower-division requirements 35-44
- Complete upper-division requirements (minimum of 6 credits) 6
- Complete foreign language coursework through the 202 level 0-6

African American and African Studies Core

- AAST 100S Introduction to African American Studies 3
- HIST 105H Interpreting the African Past 3
- AAST 410 Africana Intellectual Thought and Economic Development 3
- AAST 420W African American Political and Social Thought 3
- Select one of the following: 3
  - AAST 320 Introduction to Research Methods
  - POLS 308 Research Design
  - SOC 337 Social Research Methods
- AAST 490 Senior Seminar 3
- SOC 320 Social Inequality 3
- Upper-Division African Studies Coursework 6
- Upper-Division Humanities Coursework 6
- Upper-Division Social Sciences Coursework 6

Total Credit Hours 80-95

* Grade of C or better required

Upper-Division Electives (BA and BS, 12 credit hours, 300 and 400 level courses)

Students majoring in African American and African Studies must earn a minimum of 12 credit hours in upper-division humanities and social science courses related to African American studies. Six credit hours of 300/400 level courses must be from the social sciences and six credit hours from the humanities. Courses may be selected from among those listed by category below. With the permission of the program director, courses not listed below may be approved as substitutions to fulfill program requirements.

Upper-Division Social Science Courses

- AAST 305 Africa in Transition 3
- AAST 310 Human Rights and Social Change in Africa 3
- AAST 368 Internship 3
- AAST 395 Topics in African American Studies 3
- AAST 396 Topics in African American Studies 3
- CRJS 450 Blacks, Crime and Justice 3
- CRJS/SOC 452 Diversity in Criminal Justice Organizations 3
GEOG 452  Africa  3
POLS 309  Race, Culture and Public Policy  3
POLS 316  Politics of Africa  3
POLS 410  African American Politics  3
POLS 439  International Relations of African States  3
POLS 412  Politics of the Civil Rights Movement  3
POLS 470  African Americans and Foreign Affairs  3
PSYC 460  Psychology of African Americans  3
SOC 323  Sociology of Minority Families  3
SOC 426  Minority Group Relations  3
SOC/CRJS 444  Community Justice  3

Upper-Division Humanities Courses

AAST 368  Internship  3
AAST 395  Topics in African American Studies  3
AAST 396  Topics in African American Studies  3
COMM 332  Making African-American Cinema  3
COMM 434  African-American Rhetoric Voices of Liberation  3
ENGL 465W  African American Literature  3
HIST 361  African-American History to 1865  3
HIST 362  African-American History Since 1865  3
HIST 370  Africa and the Atlantic Slave Trade  3
HIST 455  African-American Historiography  3
HIST 475  Global Africa  3
MUSC 460  History of Jazz  3
WMST 302W  Dimensions of Diversity: Intersectionality Among Women  3

African Studies (BA and BS, 6 credit hours, 300 and 400 level electives)

In addition, students majoring in African American and African Studies must earn six credit hours in African Studies courses. Students may select courses from the following list (or topics courses as approved by the director):

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Courses taken in this category cannot duplicate upper-division social sciences and humanities courses taken to fulfill program requirements. At the discretion of the program director, substitutions may be approved to satisfy this requirement. The course options in this category will be expanded and/or modified as they become available.

Elective courses may be taken for the remainder of the minimum 120 credits required for the degree.

Degree Program Guide

The Degree Program Guide is a suggested curriculum to complete this degree program in four years. It is just one of several plans that will work and is presented only as broad guidance to students. Each student is strongly encouraged to develop a customized plan in consultation with their academic advisor. Additional information can also be found in Degree Works.

Human Creativity  3
Elective or Language & Culture I (May be waived; See requirement details)  3
Oral Communication  3
AAST 100S  Introduction to African American Studies  3

Credit Hours  15

Spring

Literature  3
STAT 130M  Elementary Statistics  3
Elective or Language & Culture II (May be waived; See requirement details)  3
Human Behavior (AAST 100S may not be used)  3
HIST 105H  Interpreting the African Past (Satisfies Interpreting the Past)  3

Credit Hours  15

Sophomore

Fall

ENGL 211C or ENGL 231C  Writing, Rhetoric, and Research (Grade of C or better required)  3

Credit Hours  15

Spring

Information Literacy & Research (May be met in major by POLS 308)  3
Nature of Science I  4
Language & Culture III  3
Elective course  3

Credit Hours  16

Junior

Fall

SOC 337  Social Research Methods  3

Credit Hours  16

Spring

approved 300-400-level Social Science  3
Approved 300-400-level Humanities  3
Upper-Division General Education Course or Minor  3

Credit Hours  15

Spring

AAST 410  Africana Intellectual Thought and Economic Development  3
Approved 300-400-level Social Science  3
Approved 300-400-level Humanities  3
Elective course 3
Upper-Division General Education Course or Minor 3

**Credit Hours** 15

**Senior**

**Fall**

Approved 300-/400-level African Studies 3
Elective course 3
Elective course 3
Elective course 3
Minor or Elective 3

**Credit Hours** 15

**Spring**

AAST 490 Senior Seminar 3
Approved 300-/400-level African Studies 3
Elective course 3
Elective course 1
Minor or Elective 3

**Credit Hours** 13

**Total Credit Hours** 120

**BA or BS to MBA (Master of Business Administration) Linked Program**

The linked BA/MBA or BS/MBA program is an early entry to the MBA program of study. The early-entry program is designed for well qualified non-business undergraduate ODU students to start their MBA program prior to completing their undergraduate degree. Well qualified non-business undergraduate students may take MBA-level courses as early as three semesters prior to graduation and count up to 12 graduate credits toward their undergraduate degree. Students participating in the early-entry program must earn a minimum of 150 credit hours (120 discrete credit hours for the undergraduate degree and 30 discrete credit hours for the graduate degree). Early-entry program students should carefully consider their undergraduate degree program requirements when planning their course of study. Students in the early-entry program work in close consultation with the MBA Program Office and should refer to information in the Strome College of Business section in the graduate catalog (http://catalog.odu.edu/graduate/stromecollegeofbusiness/) to develop an individualized plan of study based on the required coursework.

**BA or BS to MPA (Master of Public Administration) Linked Program**

The linked BA/MPA or BS/MPA program provides qualified Old Dominion University undergraduate students with the opportunity to earn a master's degree in public administration while taking credits in the MPA program as an undergraduate student. The program is designed for highly motivated students with the desire to immediately continue their education after the bachelor's degree. The program is especially relevant to individuals seeking to work (or currently working) in the public or non-profit sectors, but is suitable for students from any undergraduate major. Graduate courses may be taken during the fall and spring semester of the student's senior undergraduate year. Up to 12 graduate credits can count toward both the undergraduate and graduate degree and can meet upper-level General Education requirements. After receiving the undergraduate degree, a student will continue with the MPA program, taking MPA courses until completing the required 39 credit hours. Students in the linked program must earn a minimum of 150 credit hours (120 discrete credit hours for the undergraduate degree and 30 discrete credit hours for the graduate degree).

Requirements for admission to the graduate program can be found in the School of Public Service section of the Graduate Catalog (http://catalog.odu.edu/graduate/business/public-service/). For additional information, please contact the School of Public Service in the Strome College of Business.