

# AFRICANA STUDIES

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**College of Arts and Humanities**  
**Department of Africana Studies**  
**Bachelor of Arts**  
**Degree Roadmaps**  
 Cultural Studies Concentration  
 Social Sciences Concentration  
**Minor**

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## Program Description

The Department of Africana Studies in the College of Arts and Humanities offers a major and a minor in Africana Studies. Africana Studies is primarily a peoples- and culture-based discipline that investigates Africana peoples' experiences. These experiences range from earliest human civilizations through the tragic era of enslavement, colonization, uprootment, to the forced migration and displacement of African peoples. The intellectual framework that sets Africana Studies apart from other disciplines is that it explores the subject area from the perspective of Africana peoples' interests, aspirations, possibilities, and envisioned destinies. The foundation of the discipline rests on an understanding and appreciation of African peoples' worldview and philosophy of life as the starting point for all Africana intellectual inquiry. The BA degree and minor program offered by the department emphasize an examination of the theoretical and empirical characteristics of the African world experience from both a contemporary and historical perspective.

## Features

A Bachelor of Arts degree and minor in Africana Studies provide a solid factual and conceptual foundation of the history and the development of the African people and their societies. Students are encouraged to participate in practical learning by serving in internships or practicums in Africana communities locally, nationally, and internationally. In addition, students are encouraged to work concurrently with other disciplines in the College of Arts and Humanities, College of Natural and Behavioral Sciences, College of Business Administration and Public Policy, College of Education, and the College of Health, Human Services, and Nursing.

## Academic Advisement

All majors and minor students in Africana Studies are to have a faculty advisor. Students may either select an advisor or have one assigned to them. It is important that students work closely with an advisor in planning their academic programs because some required courses are offered on a one- or two-year rotational basis. Transfer students should see an advisor before registering for any classes to determine if a prior course may fulfill a requirement in the major.

## Career Possibilities

Persons with an Africana Studies background are employed in a wide range of careers, such as counseling, social work, international consulting, Foreign Service, public relations, educational administration, media, management, urban planning, librarianship, law, and law enforcement. The Department of Africana Studies provides undergraduate training for students interested in developing careers in teaching, academic research, international relations, and community development. Often graduate work is required in certain job categories.

## Preparation

High School students planning to major in Africana Studies at California State University, Dominguez Hills should have acquired written and oral communication as well as computational skills.

## Opportunities to Study Abroad

The Department of Africana Studies provides students with the opportunity to study abroad, especially in Africa, the Caribbean, and South America. Please see the Department Chair for information. Languages There are no language requirements for Africana Studies degree programs. However, students are encouraged to study one or more of the African languages, and/or French, Spanish, and Portuguese.

## Graduation With Honors

An undergraduate student may be a candidate for graduation with Honors in Africana Studies provided he or she meets the following criteria:

1. A minimum of 36 units in residence at CSU Dominguez Hills;
2. A minimum grade point average of 3.5 in all courses used to satisfy the requirements in the major;
3. Four upper division courses, including AFS 490, taken in the Department of Africana Studies;
4. Recommendation by the faculty of the Department of Africana Studies.

## Student Organization

The Department is the primary supporter of the Pan African Union and the Organization of Africana Studies. It is an organizational member of the National Council for Black Studies. The Department also supports other Africana Student Organizations on campus.

## Bachelor of Arts in Africana Studies

### Total Course Requirements for the Bachelor's Degree

See the "Requirements for the Bachelor's Degree (<https://catalog.csudh.edu/general-information/baccalaureate-degrees-undergraduate-studies/>)" in the University Catalog for complete details on general degree requirements. A minimum of 40 units, including those required for the major, must be upper division.

### Elective Requirements

Completion of elective courses (beyond the requirements listed below) to reach a total of a minimum of 120 units.

### General Education Requirements (49 units)

See the "General Education (<https://catalog.csudh.edu/general-information/double-counting-general-education-courses/general-education/>)" requirements in the University Catalog or the Class Schedule

for the most current information on General Education requirements and course offerings.

### Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement

See the "Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (<https://catalog.csudh.edu/general-information/graduate-writing-examination/>)" in the University Catalog.

### Major Requirements (36 units)

The following courses, or their approved transfer equivalents, are required of all candidates for this degree.

#### A. Core Requirements (15 units)

AFS 200 Intro to Africana Studies (3)  
 AFS 201 African World Civilizations (3)  
 AFS 307 Research Methods, Theories, and Approaches in African Studies (3)  
 AFS 490 Seminar in Africana Studies (3)  
 AFS 496 Internship (3)

#### B. Breadth Requirements (9 units)

##### Lower Division Breadth (3 units)

Select one of the following courses  
 AFS 100 The African American Experience (3)  
 AFS 205 Introduction to Hip Hop (3)  
 AFS 212 Intro To Comp Eth & Global Soc (3)  
 AFS 220 African World Peoples & Soc. (3)

##### Upper Division Breadth (6 units)

Select two of the following courses.  
 AFS 310 The African American Experience in the US (3)  
 AFS 311 Afro Latinidad & the Caribbean (3)  
 AFS 312 Cultural Pluralism: Ethnic & Global Society (3)  
 AFS 331 Key Movements: African Literature and Culture (3)  
 AFS 332 Key Movements: Harlem Renaissance (3)  
 AFS 333 Black Movements of the Sixties (3)  
 AFS 334 African Culture and Art (3)

#### C. Concentration Requirements (12 units)

Students majoring in Africana Studies must complete 12 units in a concentration (Cultural Studies or Social Sciences).

##### 1. Cultural Studies Concentration

Select 12 units:  
 AFS 205 Introduction to Hip Hop (3)  
 AFS 231 Africana Literary Traditions (3)  
 AFS 331 Key Movements: African Literature and Culture (3)  
 AFS 332 Key Movements: Harlem Renaissance (3)  
 AFS 334 African Culture and Art (3)  
 ENG 317 Sociolinguistics: Black English (3)  
 ENG 343 African-American Poetry and Drama (3)  
 ENG 344 African-American Prose (3)  
 MUS 302 African American Music (3)  
 PHI 370 Philos of Africa & Diaspora (3)  
 PHI 371 African World Religions (3)

##### 2. Social Sciences Concentration

Students majoring in Africana Studies must complete 12 units in a concentration.

AFS 212 Intro To Comp Eth & Global Soc (3)  
 AFS 220 African World Peoples & Soc. (3)  
 AFS 241 His Afr World People:1450-1888 (3)  
 AFS 242 His of Afrn People:1888-present (3)  
 AFS 310 The African American Experience in the US (3)  
 AFS 311 Afro Latinidad & the Caribbean (3)

AFS 312 Cultural Pluralism: Ethnic & Global Society (3)  
 AFS 333 Black Movements of the Sixties (3)  
 AFS 423 Africana Leaders Seminar (3)  
 AFS 424 Africana Political Thought (3)  
 HIS 343 African American History from Africa to Reconstruction (3)  
 HIS 344 African American History: Reconstruction to the Present (3)  
 HIS 360 African History to the 1880's (3)  
 HIS 361 African History from the Colonial Era to the Present (3)  
 POL 349 Government and Politics in Sub-Saharan Africa (3)  
 PSY 382 Psychological Development of the Black Child (3)  
 PSY 383 Black Psychology (3)  
 SOC 331 Minority Racial and Ethnic Relations (3)  
 SOC 383 Black Communities: Class, Status and Power (3)

#### 3. Concentration Electives

Topics Vary. Courses are taken in consultation with an Africana Studies Advisor.

AFS 494 Independent Study (1-3)  
 AFS 495 Special Topics in Africana St (3)  
 AFS 497 Directed Reading (1-3)  
 AFS 498 Directed Research (1-3)  
 AFS 499 Senior Project (3)

## Minor in Africana Studies (12 units)

### Requirements

#### Recommended Course

AFS 212 Intro To Comp Eth & Global Soc (3)

#### A. General Requirement (3 units)

#### B. Core Requirements (6 units)

AFS 220 African World Peoples & Soc. (3)

or

AFS 241 His Afr World People:1450-1888 (3)

#### C. Capstone Requirement (3 units)

AFS 490 Seminar in Africana Studies (3)