

# AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES, B.A.

## Objectives

The Department of African American Studies at LMU is devoted to the scholarly examination of the social, cultural, economic, political, and spiritual forces that impact the lives of people of African descent in the Americas and, in turn, the communities they create. AFAM and its curriculum provide students with an explanatory framework through which they can analyze not only the historical and contemporary experiences of peoples of African descent but also those of the wider human community in a global and increasingly diverse society.

By examining the lived experiences of Africans in America and throughout the Diaspora from the perspective of various disciplines, students develop a deeper understanding of themselves and their interactions within a diverse society. Thus, African American Studies provides students with an excellent preparation for graduate study, professional schools, social advocacy and activism to promote social justice, and numerous employment opportunities (e.g., law, education, counseling, entertainment, social work, public relations, business, etc.) that require a Bachelor of Arts degree.

## African American Studies Student Learning Outcomes

By virtue of exposure to African American Studies courses, African American Studies students should have:

- A critical awareness of the general history of Black people in the U.S. and Diaspora
- A basic comprehension of the Black Aesthetic
- A profound understanding of the significance of Black people in America and the global community
- A broad familiarity with the systemic forces that impact traditional institutions within the Black community;

African American Studies students should be able to:

- Demonstrate written competency in the analysis of theories and practices concerning Black racial formations
- Demonstrate oral competency in the analysis of theories and practices concerning Black racial formations
- Use and interpret data and other social facts to answer research questions pertaining to African American interests;

African American Studies students should value:

- Direct engagement with Black communities
- The dignity of Black people, institutions, and practices
- The concept of diversity in the modern and complex world in which we live.

## Major Requirements

Code	Title	Semester Hours
<b>Lower Division Requirements</b>		
AFAM 1211	Introduction to African American Studies	4

AFAM 2221	Black Cultural Arts	4
AFAM 2243	African American Studies Research Methods	4
<b>Subtotal</b>		12
<b>Upper Division Requirements</b>		
AFAM 3211	African American History	4
AFAM 3621	African American Literature	4
AFAM 3643	Black Community Engagement	4
AFAM 4641	Capstone Project	4
<b>Subtotal</b>		16
<b>Electives</b>		
Eight (8) semester hours in AFAM courses, four (4) of which must be Upper Division. Students may count Gospel Choir courses as Lower Division electives for the Major.		8
<b>Subtotal</b>		8
<b>Total Semester Hours</b>		<b>36</b>

## African American Studies Model Four-Year Plan

The normal course load is 16 semester hours (4 classes). By following the model below, a student will complete all lower division core requirements by the end of the sophomore year as well as AFAM major prerequisites. Note that core areas are suggested to provide a distribution of various disciplines every semester. Please be flexible implementing these suggestions, given your own interests and course availability. In four years, this plan meets all common graduation requirements.

Course	Title	Semester Hours
<b>First Year</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
AFAM 1211	Introduction to African American Studies	4
FFYS 1000	First Year Seminar	4
University Core		3-4
Elective		3-4
<b>Semester Hours</b>		<b>14-16</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
RHET 1000	Rhetorical Arts	3-4
AFAM LD Elective		3-4
AFAM LD Elective		3-4
Elective		3-4
<b>Semester Hours</b>		<b>12-16</b>
<b>Sophomore Year</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
AFAM 2221	Black Cultural Arts	4
University Core		3-4
University Core		3-4
Elective		3-4
<b>Semester Hours</b>		<b>13-16</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
AFAM 2243	African American Studies Research Methods	4
University Core		3-4
AFAM Elective		4
Elective		3-4
<b>Semester Hours</b>		<b>14-16</b>
<b>Junior Year</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
AFAM 3621	African American Literature	4
University Core		3-4

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University Core		3-4
Upper Division Elective		3-4
<b>Semester Hours</b>		<b>13-16</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
AFAM 3643	Black Community Engagement	4
AFAM 3211	African American History	4
University Core		3-4
Upper Division Elective		3-4
<b>Semester Hours</b>		<b>14-16</b>
<b>Senior Year</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
AFAM Upper Division Elective		4
Upper Division Elective		3-4
Upper Division Elective		3-4
Upper Division Elective		3-4
<b>Semester Hours</b>		<b>13-16</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
AFAM 4641	Capstone Project	4
Upper Division Elective		3-4
Upper Division Elective		3-4
Upper Division Elective		3-4
<b>Semester Hours</b>		<b>13-16</b>
<b>Minimum Semester Hours</b>		<b>106-128</b>