

## Major Map: African American Studies Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)

College of Arts and Sciences
Department of African American Studies
Bulletin Year: 2025-2026

This course plan is a recommended sequence for this major. Courses designated as critical (!) may have a deadline for completion and/or affect time to graduation. Please see the Program Notes section for details regarding "critical courses" for this particular Program of Study.

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**Graduation Requirements Summary** 

Minimum Total Hours	Minimum Major Requirements Hours	College & Program Requirements Hours	Carolina Core Hours	Minimum Institutional GPA
120	24	49-64	32-44	2.000

- Regardless of individual course grades, students must maintain a minimum 2,000 institutional GPA.
- 2. Some colleges require a minimum GPA for major courses. Courses indicated in this column are included in the major GPA for this program of study.
- 3. Students in the College of Arts and Sciences are required to demonstrate proficiency in one foreign language equivalent to the 122 course through course credit or the corresponding foreign language placement score.
- 4. The Carolina Core provides the common core of knowledge, skill and academic experience for all Carolina undergraduate students.
- 5. The College of Arts and Sciences requires one U.S. History and one non-U.S. History course, both of which must be chosen from the approved Carolina Core GHS courses. Whichever is not fulfilled through the Carolina Core GHS requirement must be fulfilled through this college requirement.
- 6. The cognate is intended to support the course work in the major. The cognate must consist of twelve hours of courses at the advanced level, outside of, but related to the major. In place of a cognate, a student may choose a minor consisting of at least 18 credit hours of courses concentrated in one area that follow a structured sequence. A second major eliminates the minor/cognate requirement.

Major Electives (15 hours):

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Arts and Culture courses (6 hours)	Society and History courses (6 hours)					
Select two courses from the following list:	Select two courses from the following list:					
AFAM 207 – Introduction to African American Religions (=RELG 207)	AFAM 218 – Convergence and Divergence in African American and					
AFAM 303 – African American Cultures (=ANTH 303)	Jewish Relations: Historical and Contemporary (=EDTE/JSTU 218)					
AFAM 308 – African American Feminist Theory (=WGST 308)	AFAM 330 – Psychology of African Americans (=PSYC 300)					
AFAM 343 – Religions of the African Diaspora (=RELG 343)	AFAM 331 – Black Experience in the U.S. to 1865 (=HIST 331)					
AFAM 380 – Cultural History of Hip Hop Music	AFAM 332 – Black Experience in the U.S. since 1865 (=HIST 332)					
AFAM 393 – Race and Science Fiction (=POLI 393)	AFAM 335 – The American Civil Rights Movement (=HIST 455)					
AFAM 398 – Special Topics in African American Art and Culture	AFAM 348 – Environmental Racism and Justice (=ENVR 348)					
AFAM 399 – Independent Study	AFAM 350 – Antiracist Education (=EDFI 350)					
AFAM 420 – Slavery, Literature & Culture	AFAM 353 – Intro to U.S. Racial and Ethnic Politics (=POLI 353)					
AFAM 428A – African American Literature I: to 1903 (=ENGL 428A)	AFAM 355 – Race and Ethnic Relations (=SOCY 355)					
AFAM 428B – African American Literature II: since 1903 (=ENGL 428B)	AFAM 364 – African American Politics (=POLI 364)					
AFAM 438D – African Literature (=ENGL 438D)	AFAM 365 – Medical Experimentation and the Black Body (=ANTH 263)					
AFAM 438E – Caribbean Literature (=ENGL 438E)	AFAM 397 – Special Topics in African American Society and History					
AFAM 442 – African American English (=ANTH/LING 442, ENGL 457)	AFAM 402 – African American Political Thought (=POLI 402)					
AFAM 486 – African American Rhetoric (=ENGL/SPCH 486)	AFAM 463 – Jim Crow: Histories & Revivals (=HIST 463)					
AFAM 487 – Black Women Writers (=ENGL/WGST 487)	AFAM 476 – Black Activism (=POLI 476)					
AFAM 515 – Race, Gender and Graphic Novels (=WGST 515)						
AFAM 517 – An Anthropological View of Blacks in Film (=ANTH 517)						
AFAM 565 – African American Theatre (=ENGL/THEA 565)						
AFAM 580 – Culture and Identity in the African Diaspora (=ANTH 580)						
Additional Electives (3 hours)						
Select one additional courses from AFAM 300 or higher						

8. No courses of a remedial, developmental, skill-acquiring, or vocational nature may apply as credit toward degrees in the College of Arts and Sciences. The College of Arts and Sciences allows the use of the Pass-Fail option on elective courses. Further clarification on inapplicable courses can be obtained from the College of Arts and Sciences.

## **Program Notes:**

- Courses identified as "critical" must be completed in the student's first 60 semester hours of work in order for these courses to be credited toward graduation.
- All undergraduate students must take a 3-credit course or its equivalent with a passing grade that covers the founding documents. This course may
  fulfill any requirement in the program of study. Courses that meet this requirement are listed in the academic bulletin.
- The last 30 credit hours toward your degree must be earned in residence at the University of South Carolina-Columbia.

University Requirements: Bachelor's degree-seeking students must meet Carolina Core (general education) requirements. For more information regarding these requirements, please visit the Carolina Core page on the University website.

Codes:						
CC	Carolina Core	CC-INF	Carolina Core – Information Literacy			
CC-AIU	E-AIU Carolina Core-Aesthetic and Interpretive Understanding		Carolina Core – Integrative Course			
CC-ARP	C-ARP Carolina Core-Analytical Reasoning and Problem-Solving		Carolina Core – Scientific Literacy			
CC-CMS	Carolina Core-Effective, Engaged, and Persuasive Communication: Spoken Component	CC-VSR	Carolina Core – Values, Ethics, and Social Responsibility			
CC-CMW	Effective, Engaged, and Persuasive Communication: Written Component	CR	College Requirement			
CC-GFL	Carolina Core-Global Citizenship and Multicultural Understanding: Foreign Language	MR	Major Requirement			
CC-GHS	Carolina Core – Historical Thinking	PR	Program Requirement			
CC-GSS	Carolina Core – Social Sciences					

Disclaimer: Major maps are only a suggested or recommended sequence of courses required in a program of study. Please contact your academic advisor for assistance in the application of specific coursework to a program of study and course selection and planning for upcoming semesters.