

Africana Studies and English, BA (Boston)

Overview

The combined major in Africana studies and English offers students the opportunity to integrate their studies of both disciplines and explore the historical, practical, and theoretical relationships between the two disciplines. In addition to considering the significant points of contention, students explore the ways in which insights from Africana studies can be brought to bear on the disciplinary issues and questions of English studies. Within the combined major, students may also choose to focus their studies on a range of topics related to literature, writing, narrative, and cultural production in the United States, the Americas, Europe, Africa, and across the global African Diaspora.

Program Requirements

Complete all courses listed below unless otherwise indicated. Also complete any corequisite labs, recitations, clinicals, or tools courses where specified and complete any additional courses needed beyond specific college and major requirements to satisfy graduation credit requirements.

Universitywide Requirements

All undergraduate students are required to complete the Universitywide Requirements (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/university-wide-requirements/>).

BA Language Requirements

All BA students are required to complete the BA degree language requirements, for a total of 12 semester hours of language study or demonstrated equivalent proficiency, as described in Additional Requirements for BA students (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/nupath/ba-requirements/>). Successful demonstration of proficiency does not reduce total minimum semester hours of study required to earn the BA degree.

NUpath Requirements

All undergraduate students are required to complete the NUpath Requirements (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/nupath/>).

Africana Studies Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Introduction to College		
CLTR 1000	Cultures, Societies, and Global Studies at Northeastern	1
Introduction to Africana Studies		
AFCS 1101	Introduction to African American and Africana Studies	4
Approaches to the Field		
Complete three of the following. AFCS 4700 will also fulfill the capstone requirement of this program:		12
AFCS 1140	Introduction to African-American History	
AFCS 1225	Gender, Race, and Medicine	
AFCS 1270	Introduction to Global Health	
AFCS 2270	Race, Ethnicity, and Inequality	
AFCS 2325	Black Feminist Studies	
AFCS 2600	Issues in Race, Science, and Technology	
AFCS 3120	Race, Crime, and Justice	
AFCS 3305	Beyond the Binary: Race, Sex, and Science	
AFCS 3323	Race, Inequality, and the Law	
AFCS 4700	Capstone	
AFCS 5001	Special Topics in Race and the Law	
AFCS 5544	Seminar in Black Leadership	
Exploring Intellectual Traditions and Cultural Production		
Complete two of the following:		8
AFCS 1113	Black Popular Culture	
AFCS 2296	Early African-American Literature	
AFCS 2455	American Women Writers	
AFCS 2619	Race and Religion in Film	
AFCS 2690	Boston in Literature	
AFCS 3404	African American Rhetorical Traditions	
AFCS 3664	Black Poetry and the Spoken Word	

AFCS 3900	Gender and Black World Literatures
AFCS 4588	Literature in Context
Understanding Society and Social Movements	
Complete two of the following:	
AFCS 1261	Global Caribbean
AFCS 2318	New England Stories: Storytelling and the African American Experience
AFCS 2325	Black Feminist Studies
AFCS 2330	Afro-Latin American Studies
AFCS 2337	African American History Before 1900
AFCS 2380	Black Families and Incarceration
AFCS 2390	Africa and the World in Early Times
AFCS 2410	Possession, Sacrifice, and Divination in African Diasporic Religions
AFCS 2900	Swahili, Culture, and Politics in Kenya
AFCS 3210	Black Abolition Studies: Carcerality, Liberation, and Resistance
AFCS 3424	Epidemiology of Pandemic Diseases and Health Disparities in the African Diaspora
AFCS 4526	Afro-Asian Relations in the Americas
AFCS 4939	Community Health, Culture, and Development in Kenya

English Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Foundational Courses		
ENGL 1400	Introduction to Literary Studies	4
ENGL 1160	Introduction to Rhetoric	4
or ENGL 1410	Introduction to Research on Writing	
ENGL 1700	Global Literatures 1	4
or ENGL 1701	Global Literatures 2	

English Electives

Two of the courses chosen from the lists below must be at the 3000 or 4000 level.

Code	Title	Hours
Diversity		
Complete one course from the following. You may reuse this course to fulfill an additional English requirement below:		4
ENGL 2296	Early African-American Literature	
ENGL 2450	Postcolonial Literature	
ENGL 2455	American Women Writers	
ENGL 2470	Asian-American Literature	
ENGL 2760	Writing in Global Contexts	
ENGL 3678	Bedrooms and Battlefields: Hebrew Bible and the Origins of Sex, Gender, and Ethnicity	
Literary Periods		
<i>Pre-1850</i>		
Complete one course from the following:		4
ENGL 1502	American Literature to 1865	
ENGL 1600	Introduction to Shakespeare	
ENGL 2296	Early African-American Literature	
ENGL 2330	The American Renaissance	
ENGL 3101	Early Literatures	
ENGL 3120	17th- and 18th-Century Literatures	
ENGL 3160	Topics in 17th- and 18th-Century British Literatures	
ENGL 3619	Emerson and Thoreau	
ENGL 3678	Bedrooms and Battlefields: Hebrew Bible and the Origins of Sex, Gender, and Ethnicity	
or JWSS 3678	Bedrooms and Battlefields: Hebrew Bible and the Origins of Sex, Gender, and Ethnicity	

ENGL 4010	Topics in Shakespeare	
<i>Post-1850</i>		
Complete one of the following courses:		4
ENGL 2301	The Graphic Novel	
ENGL 2420	Contemporary Poetry	
ENGL 2430	Contemporary Fiction	
ENGL 2440	The Modern Bestseller	
ENGL 2450	Postcolonial Literature	
ENGL 2451	Postcolonial Women Writers	
ENGL 2455	American Women Writers	
ENGL 2470	Asian-American Literature	
ENGL 2600	Irish Literary Culture (Abroad)	
ENGL 3161	20th- and 21st-Century Literatures	
Theories and Methods		
Complete one of the following:		4
ENGL 1140	Grammar: The Architecture of English	
ENGL 1160	Introduction to Rhetoric	
ENGL 1410	Introduction to Research on Writing	
ENGL 1450	Reading and Writing in the Digital Age	
ENGL 2520	Science Fiction	
ENGL 2620	What Is Nature?	
ENGL 3070	Literary Genres	
ENGL 3325	Rhetoric of Law	
ENGL 3381	The Practice and Theory of Teaching Writing	
ENGL 3400	Opening the Archive	
ENGL 3487	Film and Text (Abroad)	
ENGL 3700	Narrative Medicine	
LING 1150	Introduction to Linguistics	
LING 2350	Linguistic Analysis	
LING 3450	Syntax	
LING 3452	Semantics	
LING 3454	History of English	
LING 3456	Language and Gender	
Major Seminar		
ENGL 3710	Major Seminar	4
Writing		
Complete one of the following:		4
ENGL 2700	Creative Writing	
ENGL 2710	Style and Editing	
ENGL 2730	Digital Writing	
ENGL 2760	Writing in Global Contexts	
ENGL 2770	Writing to Heal	
ENGL 2850	Writing for Social Media: Theory and Practice	
ENGL 3375	Writing Boston	
ENGL 3376	Creative Nonfiction	
ENGL 3377	Poetry Workshop	
ENGL 3378	Fiction Workshop	
ENGL 3380	Writing Seminar	
English Electives		
Complete any two ENGL courses that have not already been used to fulfill another requirement.		8

Integrative Course

Code	Title	Hours
Complete one of the following:		4
AFCS 2296 or ENGL 2296	Early African-American Literature	
AFCS 3404 or ENGL 3404	African American Rhetorical Traditions	
AFCS 3664	Black Poetry and the Spoken Word	
AFCS 3900 or ENGL 3900	Gender and Black World Literatures	

Capstone

Code	Title	Hours
Complete one of the following. AFCS 4700 will also fulfill an Approaches to the Field course requirement of this program:		4
AFCS 4700	Capstone	
ENGL 4710	Capstone Seminar	

Africana Studies and English Combined-Major Credit Requirement

Complete 86 semester hours in the major.

Experiential Liberal Arts

All students in this College of Social Sciences and Humanities program are required to complete the Experiential Liberal Arts Requirement (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/#ela>).

Program Requirements

128 total semester hours required.

Plan of Study**Sample Plan of Study****FOUR YEARS, TWO CO-OPS IN SUMMER SECOND HALF/FALL**

Year 1							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
CLTR 1000		1 ENGL 1400		4 ENGL elective		4 Elective	4
ENGL 1160	4	Language course		4 Language course		4 Elective	4
ENGW 1111	4	AFCS 2619		4			
AFCS 1101	4	Integrative course		4			
AFCS 1225	4						
		17		16		8	8
Year 2							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
Integrative Course		4 ENGL diversity course		4 AFCS 1270		4 Co-op	0
Pre-1850 literature course	4	AFCS 2355		4 Elective		4	
AFCS 1113	4	AFCS 4526		4			
AFCS 1261	4	Post-1850 literature course		4			
		16		16		8	0
Year 3							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
Co-op		0 Advanced Writing in the Disciplines		4 ENGL writing course		4 Co-op	0
		Elective		4 Elective		4	
		ENGL 3710		4			
		Elective		4			
		0		16		8	0

Year 4			
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Co-op		0 Capstone course	4
		ENGL theories and methods course	4
		ENGL elective	4
		Elective	4
	0		16
Total Hours: 129			