

Africana Studies and Human Services, BA (Boston)

Overview

A combined major in Africana studies and human services offers students the opportunity to integrate their studies of the cultural, political, socioeconomic, and historical experiences of the peoples of the global African diaspora with preparation for careers in social change by providing them with the theoretical and skill-based background necessary for practice and research.

Students take academically rigorous courses relevant to the field while honing their skills through our extensive experiential educational opportunities. Through courses, service-learning, co-op, and internships, students may acquire theoretical and professional skills related to critical race cultural literacies, historical analysis, counseling, nonprofit management, political advocacy, as well as organizational and community development.

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 Africana Studies		
AFCS 1101	Introduction to African American and Africana Studies	4
Approaches to the Field		
Complete two of the following (three if HUSV capstone is selected):		8
AFCS 1140	Introduction to African-American History	
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 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: 8

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

Human Services Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Foundational Courses		
EESH 2000	Professional Development for Co-op	1
HUSV 1000 or CLTR 1000	Human Services at Northeastern Cultures, Societies, and Global Studies at Northeastern	1
Human Services Overview		
HUSV 1101	Social Change and Human Services	4
HUSV 2300	Counseling in Human Services	4
HUSV 2355	Race, Identity, Social Change, and Empowerment	4
HUSV 2970	Research Methods for Human Services	4
HUSV 3570	The Nonprofit Sector, Philanthropy, and Social Change	4
HUSV 3900	Social Policy	4
HUSV 4994	Human Services Internship	6
Electives		
Complete two electives in HUSV not used to fulfill other requirements for the degree.		8

Integrative Course

Code	Title	Hours
AFCS 2618	Community Psychology	4

Senior Capstone

Code	Title	Hours
Complete one of the following (if HUSV capstone is selected, must include another AFCS elective above 2000 level):		
AFCS 4700 or HUSV 4700	Capstone Senior Seminar in Human Services	4

Africana Studies and Human Services 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

Sample Plan of Study: Four Years, Two Co-ops in Summer 2/Fall

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
ENGW 1111		4 HUSV 2300		4 Africana studies humanities course		4 Africana studies 3000-level elective	4
AFCS 1101		4 Africana studies humanities course		4 Language course		4 NUpath elective	4
HUSV 1000 or CLTR 1000		1 Africana studies social sciences course		4			
HUSV 1101		4 Language course		4			
Africana studies introductory course		4					
	17		16		8		8

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
Africana studies humanities course		4 EESH 2000		1 Africana studies 2000-level elective		4 Co-op	0
Africana studies social sciences course		4 AFCS 2355		4 Elective		4	
NUpath elective		4 HUSV 3570		4			
NUpath elective		HUSV elective		4			
		HUSV elective		4			
	12		17		8		0

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
Co-op	0	HUSV 3900		4 ENGW 3308 or 3315		4 Co-op	0
		HUSV 4994		6 Elective		4	
		HUSV elective		4			
		Elective		4			
	0		18		8		0

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Co-op	0	AFCS 2618	4
		AFCS 4700	4
		HUSV elective	4
		Elective	4
	0		16

Total Hours: 128