

Africana Studies and Journalism, BA (Boston)

This interdisciplinary combined major offers students an opportunity to integrate the study and practice of journalism with a study devoted to the critical and systemic examination of the cultural, political, social, economic, and historical experiences of the peoples of the global African diaspora. Through critical thinking and practical skills, the program engages students in a deep understanding of both disciplines,

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
Foundational Course		
AFCS 1101	Introduction to African American and Africana Studies	4
Introductory Course		
Complete one of the following:		4
AFCS 1113	Black Popular Culture	
AFCS 1225	Gender, Race, and Medicine	
AFCS 1270	Introduction to Global Health	
Humanities		
Complete two of the following:		8
AFCS 2296	Early African-American Literature	
AFCS 2318	New England Stories: Storytelling and the African American Experience	
AFCS 2355	Race, Identity, Social Change, and Empowerment	
AFCS 2410	Possession, Sacrifice, and Divination in African Diasporic Religions	
AFCS 2619	Race and Religion in Film	
AFCS 3404	African American Rhetorical Traditions	
AFCS 3664	Black Poetry and the Spoken Word	
AFCS 3900	Gender and Black World Literatures	
Social Sciences		
Complete two of the following:		8
AFCS 2270	Race, Ethnicity, and Inequality	
AFCS 2600	Issues in Race, Science, and Technology	
AFCS 3120	Race, Crime, and Justice	
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 5001	Special Topics in Race and the Law	
Electives		
Complete one AFAM, AFRS, or AFCS course at the 2000 level or above.		4
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Senior Capstone

AFCS 4700	Capstone	4
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Journalism Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
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Foundation Courses

C or better in JRNL 1101, JRNL 1102, and JRNL 2201 is required.

JRNL 1101 and JRNL 1102	Journalism 1: Fundamentals of Reporting and Writing and Journalist's Toolbox	5
JRNL 1150	Understanding Today's News	4
JRNL 2201	Journalism 2: Intermediate Reporting	4

Visual Storytelling Requirement

Complete one of the following: 4

JRNL 2301	Visual Storytelling in Journalism	
JRNL 3370	Podcast and Radio Journalism	
JRNL 3700	Data Storytelling	
JRNL 5309	News Documentary Production	
JRNL 5310	Photojournalism	
JRNL 5311	Design for Storytelling	
JRNL 5314	Video News Reporting and Producing	
JRNL 5316	The Newsroom	
JRNL 5320	Practicing Photojournalism: Community and the Camera	

Law and Ethics 4

JRNL 3550 or JRNL 4650	The First Amendment and the Media Ethics and Diversity in the News Media	
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Journalism Electives 16

Complete four JRNL electives. Two must be 3000 level or above.

Introductory

Code	Title	Hours
JRNL 1000	Journalism at Northeastern	1

Co-op

Code	Title	Hours
EESH 2000 or EEAM 2000	Professional Development for Co-op Professional Development for Co-op	1

Writing Requirement

Code	Title	Hours
ENGW 1111	First-Year Writing	4
ENGW 3308 or ENGW 3314 or ENGW 3315 or JRNL 2301	Advanced Writing in the Social Sciences Advanced Writing in the Arts, Media, and Design Interdisciplinary Advanced Writing in the Disciplines Visual Storytelling in Journalism	4

Integrative Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
AFCS 2325	Black Feminist Studies	4

Complete one of the following: 4

JRNL 1949	Covering Race in Pop Culture and the Media	
JRNL 5250	Gender in the Newsroom	

The following course is already required in the major:

AFCS 4700	Capstone	
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Program Requirements

129 total semester hours required

Plan of Study

Sample Plan of Study

FOUR YEARS, TWO CO-OPS IN SPRING/SUMMER FIRST HALF

Year 1

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
AFCS 1101		4 AFCS 1270		4 Elective		4 Elective	4
ENGW 1111		4 AFCS 2325		4 Elective		4 Elective	4
JRNL 1000		1 JRNL 1101 and JRNL 1102		5			
JRNL 1150		4 Language		4			
Language		4 EEAM 2000 (For CAMD students)		1			
	17		18		8		8

Year 2

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
AFCS 2355		4 Co-op		0 Co-op		0 Elective	4
EESH 2000 (For CSSH students)		1				Elective	4
JRNL 2201		4					
JRNL elective		4					
Language		4					
	17		0		0		8

Year 3

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
AFCS 3424		4 Co-op		0 Co-op		0 Elective	4
AFCS 3900		4				Elective	4
JRNL visual storytelling		4					
JRNL elective		4					
	16		0		0		8

Year 4

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
JRNL 3550 or 4650		4 AFCS 4700	4
Integrative course		4 Integrative course	4
AFAM/AFRS/AFCS elective (2000 level)		4 AFAM/AFRS/AFCS elective (3000 level)	4
JRNL elective		4 JRNL elective	4
	16		16

Total Hours: 132