

African American Studies, BA

Academic Plans

Four-Year Graduation Plan

The following checkpoints list the minimum requirements students must complete by certain semesters in order to stay on the university's Four-Year Graduation Plan. Courses in the major are those required to complete the major; they may be offered by departments other than the major department.

During the first year of study, students should focus on completing the GE CLAS Core, perhaps including Swahili or Spanish coursework to begin satisfying the World Languages requirement.

Before the fifth semester begins: at least three courses in the major, including AFAM:1020 Introduction to African American Culture and AFAM:1030 Introduction to African American Society.

Before the seventh semester begins: at least seven courses in the major and at least 90 s.h. earned toward the degree.

Before the eighth semester begins: at least nine courses in the major.

During the eighth semester: enrollment in all remaining coursework in the major, all remaining GE CLAS Core courses, and a sufficient number of semester hours to graduate.

Sample Plan of Study

Sample plans represent one way to complete a program of study. Actual course selection and sequence will vary and should be discussed with an academic advisor. For additional sample plans, see MyUI.

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Course	Title	Hours
Academic Career		
Any Semester		
GE CLAS Core: Sustainability ^a		
Hours		0
First Year		
Fall		
AFAM:1020 or AFAM:1030	Introduction to African American Culture ^b or Introduction to African American Society	3
RHET:1030 or ENGL:1200	Rhetoric or The Interpretation of Literature	3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: Historical Perspectives ^c		3
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences without Lab ^c		3
CSI:1600	Success at Iowa	2
Hours		14-15

Spring

AFAM:1030 or AFAM:1020	Introduction to African American Society ^b or Introduction to African American Culture	3
ENGL:1200 or RHET:1030	The Interpretation of Literature or Rhetoric	3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: Values and Culture ^c		3
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences with Lab ^c		4
Elective course ^d		2
Hours		15-16

Second Year

Fall

Major: history, religion, and the diaspora topical area course		3
GE CLAS Core: Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts ^c		3
GE CLAS Core: Quantitative or Formal Reasoning ^c		3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages First Level Proficiency or elective course ^e		4 - 5
Elective course ^d		3
Hours		16-17

Spring

Major: history, religion, and the diaspora topical area course		3
Major: media, politics, and social institutions topical area course		3
GE CLAS Core: International and Global Issues ^c		3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Second Level Proficiency or elective course ^e		4 - 5
Elective course ^d		3
Hours		16-17

Third Year

Fall

Major: literature and performing arts topical area course		3
Major: media, politics, and social institutions topical area course		3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Third Level Proficiency or elective course ^e		4 - 5
Elective course ^d		3
Elective course ^d		3
Hours		16-17

Spring

Major: literature and performing arts topical area course		3
GE CLAS Core: Social Sciences ^c		3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Fourth Level Proficiency or elective course ^e		4 - 5
Elective course ^d		3
Elective course ^d		3
Hours		16-17

Fourth Year

Fall

Major: elective course ^f		3
Elective course ^d		3
Elective course ^d		3
Elective course ^d		3
Elective course ^d		3
Hours		15

Spring

Major: elective course ^f	3
Elective course ^d	3
Elective course ^d	3
Elective course ^d	3
Elective course ^d	3

Degree Application: apply on MyUI before deadline
(typically in February for spring, September for fall)
^g

Hours	15
Total Hours	123-129

- a Sustainability must be completed by choosing a course that has been approved for Sustainability AND for one of these General Education areas: Natural Sciences; Quantitative and Formal Reasoning; Social Sciences; Historical Perspectives; International and Global Issues; Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts; or Values and Culture.
- b Fulfills a major requirement and may fulfill a GE requirement.
- c GE CLAS Core courses may be completed in any order unless used as a prerequisite for another course. Students should consult with an advisor about the best sequencing of courses.
- d Students may use elective courses to earn credit towards the total s.h. required for graduation or to complete a double major, minors, or certificates.
- e Students who have completed four levels of a single language or two levels of two different languages in high school or college have satisfied the GE CLAS Core World Languages requirement. Students who have completed three levels of a single language may complete a fourth-level course in the same language or may choose an approved World Language and Cultural Exploration course. Enrollment in world languages courses requires a placement exam, unless enrolling in a first-semester-level course. Contact your academic advisor or CLAS Undergraduate Programs Office with questions concerning the World Languages requirement.
- f Students are required to complete 6 s.h. in electives selected from the three topical areas. With the approval of an African American studies advisor, students may substitute relevant courses offered by other departments for one or both electives.
- g Please see Academic Calendar, Office of the Registrar website for current degree application deadlines. Students should apply for a degree for the session in which all requirements will be met. For any questions on appropriate timing, contact your academic advisor or Degree Services.