

Black/Africana Studies Associate Of Arts Degree

The Black/Africana Studies Associate of Arts degree is designed to provide students with the opportunity to critically study the lived experience, life history, and culture of Black people. Undergirded by the three basic areas of focus of the discipline of Africana Studies – which are cultural grounding, academic excellence, and social responsibility – this program is comprised of a curriculum of courses that meet the general education requirements for an associate of arts degree.

The goals and objectives of this program are to prepare students for transfer to a 4-year institution and a career in the human and social sciences, e.g., education, government and politics, management and industry, communication media, visual/performing arts, non-profit/advocacy, and entrepreneurial studies. Consistent with the institution's mission of providing all students with access to quality education, this program will also prepare students for work with underrepresented populations and to make important contributions to the multicultural, global society, and world in which we live.



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Black/Africana Studies A.A. Degree

Required Core: (9 Units) Units

AFRS 100	Introduction to Black/Africana Studies	3
AFRS 101	Theories and Methods in Black/Africana Studies	3

ADDITIONAL COURSE REQUIREMENTS

AREA 1: Required Courses (6 Units)

Courses		Units
AFRS 107:	Black Womanist & Feminist Thought	3
AFRS 108	Black Politics: Social and Racial Justice Movements	3



AREA 2: Elective Courses (6 units)

Select two or more courses from Area 2

Courses		Units
ART 104	African Art History	3
ART 108:	Black Images in Popular Culture	(3)
or HUM 108	Black Images in Popular Culture	3
ART 123	African Cinema	3
ENGL 226	African American Literature	3
HIST 110	African American History	3

Total Units for the Major: 18

Associate of Arts Degree Requirements

Complete a minimum of 60 units, including:

1. the Administration of Justice Core and Department requirements,
2. A.A. Degree General Education requirements, and
3. additional elective courses as needed

SOCIAL JUSTICE STUDIES: AFRICANA STUDIES

SOCIAL JUSTICE STUDIES: AFRICANA STUDIES (AA-T) DEGREE

The Associate in Arts in Social Justice Studies: Africana Studies for Transfer (AA-T) degree is an interdisciplinary program that aims to prepare students for transfer to a CSU. Designed to provide students with an introduction to the theoretical principles of social justice, this program offers a critical study of social inequalities in and outside of the United States. Additionally, this program offers an examination of social movements and their transformative impact on the world. This program pays particular attention to the study of the life history, culture, and social justice traditions of Black people. This program is open to all students and may be of particular interest to those who wish to pursue advocacy work for underrepresented groups and become change agents in the hard yet necessary work of re-imagining a more equitable society. This program is designed to prepare students for seamless transfer to a CSU and toward a major in Africana Studies or those majors pertinent to race, ethnicity, and/or social justice.



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COURSE REQUIREMENTS

REQUIRED CORE: (9 UNITS)

	Units
AFRS 100 Introduction to Africana Studies	3
SOC 210 Race and Ethnic Relations in the U.S.	3
OR ETHN 210 Race and Ethnic Relations in the U.S.	(3)
SOC 202 Gender and Society	3
OR WGS 202 Gender and Society	(3)

List A: Select three courses from at least two of the following areas (9 units)

Only one course from Area 4 may be used

Area 1: History or Government

HIST 110 African American History	3
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Area 2: Arts and Humanities (3)

AFRS 112 African Cinema	3
AFRS 226 African American Literature	3
OR ENGL 226 African American Literature	(3)
ART 104 African Art History	3
ART 108 Black Images in Popular Culture	3
OR HUM 108 Black Images in Popular Culture	(3)
ART 109 Gender and Sexuality in Art	3
OR HUM 109 Gender and Sexuality in Art	(3)

Area 3: History or Government

AFRS 108 Black Politics: Social and Racial Justice Movements	3
SOC 215 Sociology of Cultural Diversity	3

Area 4: Quantitative Reasoning and Research Methods

AFRS 101 Theories and Methods in Africana Studies	3
MATH 112 Elementary Statistics	4
MATH 112S Enhanced Elementary Statistics	4.5
OR PSYC 210 Elementary Statistics	(4)
OR PSYC 220 Research Methods	(4)

TOTAL UNITS FOR THE MAJOR 18-19.5

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS FOR TRANSFER REQUIREMENTS

Complete the following (1) 60 semester or 90 quarter CSU – transferable units (2) The California State University-General Education-Breadth pattern (CSU GE-Breadth); or the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) pattern (3) A minimum of 18 semester or 27 quarter units in the major or area of emphasis as determined by the community college district (4) Obtainment of a minimum grade point average(GPA) of 2.0 (5) Earn a grade of "C" or better in all courses required for the major or area of emphasis.

