

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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COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Required Core: (6 Units)		Units
AFRS 100	Introduction to Black/Africana Studies	3
AFRS 101	Theories and Methods in Black/Africana Studies	3

LIST A: Select four or more courses from the following areas (at least two courses from Area 1 must be taken)

AREA 1: A Minimum of 6 Units

AFRS 103	The History of the Black World I: From Ancient Africa to 1888	3
AFRS 104	The History of the Black World II: From 1888 to the Present	3

AREA 2: Complete a minimum of 3 units

AFRS 106	Africana Political Thought	3
AFRS 220	African Gender Systems	3
AFRS 222	African Spirituality	3

AREA 3: Elective Courses (3 units)

Any course from Area 2 not previously taken

AFRS 107	Black Womanist & Feminist Thought	3
AFRS 108	Black Politics: Social and Racial Justice Movements	3
AFRS 111	The Rhetoric of Black Resistance	3
AFRS 113	Introduction to Ethnic Studies	3
AFRS 215	Hip-Hop as Cultural Expression	3
AFRS 225	African American Ebonics	3
AFRS 230	Black Characters in Japanese Anime and Manga	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

