

AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES

African American Studies affords students the opportunity to engage in interdisciplinary study of African American roles and contributions to such varied aspects of American life as history, literature, music, religion, and society.

Students who complete the minor will acquire knowledge about the African American experience in the Americas, apply a variety of methods to understand historical and current topics, and think critically and prepare themselves to address existing and future challenges in American culture and society, all of which will prove useful in professional life after Mary Washington.

Minor Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Requirements for the African American Studies Minor		
AMST 201	Introduction to American Studies	3
Four elective courses from the list below (at least two of which must be 300 or 400 level, and drawn from at least two disciplines).		12
One three-credit, 300-400 level capstone course or internship with approval of program coordinator		3
Total Credits		18

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Approved Electives for African American Studies Minor ¹		
ANTH 211	Race in Global Perspective	3
AMST 308	Civil Rights and American Memory	3
ECON 351C	Poverty, Affluence, and Equality	3
ENGL 352	African American Literature Pre-1900	3
ENGL 354	African American Literature Post-1900	3
ENGL 357	Southern Literature	3
GEOG 331	Race and Place in America	3
HIST 313	African American History through 1865	3
HIST 314	African American History since Slavery	3
LING 308	Language and Race	3
MUHL 268	History of Jazz	3
RELG 250	African American Religions	3
SOCG 204	Social Stratification	3
SOCG 313	Urban Sociology	3
SPAN 370	Caribbean Culture and Literature in the 20th and 21st Centuries	3
SOCG 371	Selected Topics in Sociology (SOCG 371 B2-Race, Crime, and Neighborhoods is included. Other SOCG 371 classes must be approved by the Program Director.)	1-3

¹ Additional courses from American Studies, Anthropology, English, History, Modern Languages and Literatures, Sociology, and other disciplines will count with the approval of the Program Coordinator.

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