



African and African American Studies



Special Points of Interest

- Students are encouraged to double major in other areas.
- Opportunities in Professional Development and Organizations.
- Community service is one of the core values of AFAM.

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Interested in AFAM?

About the Major

African and African American Studies program is the only program of its kind in the Big 12 and is among the most extensive in the region. The diversity of the curriculum has been compared to some of the most prominent programs in the nation.

Students study the traditions and experiences of Africans in Africa, America, Europe and Latin America. Courses are offered in seven different topic areas: history, religion, social organizations, politics, economics, creative production and psychology. AFAM also offers areas of concentration, such as: Arts & Aesthetics; Literature & Oral Traditions; Community Theory & Practice; Gender; African Studies and History.

Jobs of Recent Graduates

- Marketing managers
- Community organizers
- Public interest advocates
- Religious leaders
- Public relations managers

Recent Graduates have pursued graduate studies in...

- Law
- History
- Community Service
- Journalism
- The Arts
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Educations
- Social Services



What will you gain?

AFAM courses are exciting, challenging and offer students (from all racial and ethnic backgrounds) the opportunity to hear and discuss important content, essential to Africa and the African American experience, in a constructive learning environment. Students are exposed to different theoretical approaches, typically taught in Black Studies. All students should emerge from the program with a clearer understanding of African-centered thought, as well as alternative paradigms articulated within the discipline.

AFAM Curriculum

Strong core curriculum content (15 hours) is a particular strength of the program. AFAM majors take courses such as: seminal introductory content specific to the discipline; essential content about Africa and the Diaspora; African American history; research methods with special focus pertaining to the discipline; and a Capstone course integrating major discipline content. In addition to core content, the program has guided electives selected from three groups: Historical issues, Contemporary Social Issues, and Aesthetics; and, finally, a broad group of free electives.

