

African American Studies

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African American Studies (AFAM), an academic discipline, offers an intellectual approach to the study of African people both nationally and globally. It seeks to provide historically accurate assessments of the roles and contributions of people of African descent to America and to human history. An interdisciplinary program, this minor offers students the opportunity to communicate more effectively across cultural lines and to explore the social, political, and economic reality of the black experience in the United States. The minor encourages creative research, the acquisition of practical experiences, and the development of intellectual expertise in African American Studies. Several departments at Valdosta State University offer courses that support these goals.

Selected Educational Outcomes

1. AFAM minors will study the historical and cultural origins of African Americans.
2. AFAM minors will discuss the significant historical and political movements that have influenced and characterized the mobility of African Americans.
3. AFAM minors will understand the diverse contributions African Americans have made, not only to America, but to other world cultures as well.
4. AFAM minors will discuss those damaging stereotypes and myths that have plagued and ultimately hindered African Americans' complete integration into American society.

Requirements for the Minor in African American Studies

AFAM 3000	Introduction to African American Studies	3
AFAM 4700	African American Studies Seminar	3
Select Elective courses from the following:		9
AFAM/ENGL 3220	Studies in African American Literature	
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AFAM/HIST 4231	African American History to 1865	
AFAM/HIST 4232	African American History Since 1865	
AFAM/HIST 4511	Precolonial Africa	
AFAM/HIST 4512	Modern Africa	
AFAM 3600	Special Topics in African American Studies	
AFAM/ANTH 3090	Africa: Inequalities Past and Present	
ENGL 4300	Special Topics in Literature	
THEA 4030	Special Topics in Theatre	
ENGL 4310	Studies in Major Writers	
HIST 3050	Special Topics in History	
HIST 3060	Special Topics in History	
HIST 3070	Special Topics in History	
HIST 4221	The Old South	
HIST 4222	The New South	
HIST 4304	The Caribbean	
JOUR 3530	Special Topics in Journalism	
MUSC 3440	Private Voice	
PHIL 4800	Special Topics in Philosophy	
POLS 4260	Alternative Dispute Resolution	
POLS 4330	African Politics	
POLS 4820	Special Topics in U.S. Government and Politics	
REL 4700	Topics in Religious Studies	
SOCI 3060	Race and Ethnic Relations	
Total Hours		15

No more than two courses from the same department may be taken to satisfy the requirements of the minor.