

# AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES, CERTIFICATE

The certificate in African American Studies introduces you to the interdisciplinary study of African American, African diaspora and African history, society, and culture. You may choose courses in African American history, literature, Black women’s studies, art history, visual culture, music history, politics, and sociology. The certificate offers you opportunities to engage in interdisciplinary study and practice that will complement your degree and enhance your intellectual and creative participation in their chosen professions and a citizen in our global society.

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To declare a certificate in African American Studies, students must be enrolled as an undergraduate at the University of Wisconsin–Madison. Interested students must contact the department’s undergraduate adviser to declare the certificate and be assigned a faculty adviser in their area of interest. Students may not declare both the certificate and the major in African American studies.

## REQUIREMENTS

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Certificate students must plan with a faculty adviser a cohesive program consisting of 15 credits chosen from undergraduate AFROAMER courses.

- At least one 3-credit course must focus on African American history (see list below).
- A minimum of 9 credits must be completed from AFROAMER courses numbered 300–699.
- At least one 3-credit course must be advanced (AFROAMER 500–697).
- A maximum of 3 credits of directed study (AFROAMER 699) may count toward the certificate.
- Students may not substitute courses from other academic programs or subject listings to fulfill the requirements for this program

Code	Title	Credits
All certificate students must take one 3-credit course in African American history:		
AFROAMER 231	Introduction to African American History	3
AFROAMER 272	Race and American Politics from the New Deal to the New Right	
AFROAMER 302	Undergraduate Studies in Afro-American History	
AFROAMER/HISTORY 321	Afro-American History Since 1900	
AFROAMER/HISTORY 322	African American History to 1900	

AFROAMER/GEN&WS 324	Black Women in America: Reconstruction to the Present	12
AFROAMER/GEN&WS 326	Race and Gender in Post-World War II U.S. Society	
AFROAMER/HISTORY 393	Slavery, Civil War, and Reconstruction, 1848-1877	
AFROAMER 621	Slavery and Capitalism in the United States	
AFROAMER/GEN&WS 624	African American Women's Activism (19th & 20th Centuries)	
AFROAMER/GEN&WS 625	Gender, Race and the Civil Rights Movement	
AFROAMER/HISTORY 628	History of the Civil Rights Movement in the United States	
AFROAMER 631	Colloquium in Afro-American History	
AFROAMER 671	Selected Topics in Afro-American History	
AFROAMER electives to meet the minimum credit requirement for the certificate		
<b>Total Credits</b>		

## RESIDENCE & QUALITY OF WORK

- At least 8 credits must be completed in residence.
- Minimum 2.500 GPA on all certificate courses.
- Courses taken pass/fail or credit/no credit may not apply to the certificate.

## CERTIFICATE COMPLETION REQUIREMENT

This undergraduate certificate must be completed concurrently with the student’s undergraduate degree. Students cannot delay degree completion to complete the certificate.

## LEARNING OUTCOMES

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1. To familiarize students with the history, culture and social conditions of African Americans in the United States.
2. To introduce students to an interdisciplinary approach to the study of race, gender, and ethnicity in America.
3. To prepare students for careers in institutions that address the needs of multicultural communities.

## ADVISING AND CAREERS

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Please contact the Undergraduate Advisor, Anthony Black (anthony.black@wisc.edu).

### SUCCESSWORKS

SuccessWorks (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/>) at the College of Letters & Science helps you turn the academic skills learned in your classes

into a fulfilling life, guiding you every step of the way to securing jobs, internships, or admission to graduate school.

Through one-on-one career advising, events, and resources, you can explore career options, build valuable internship and research experience, and connect with supportive alumni and employers who open doors of opportunity.

- What you can do with your major (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/what-you-can-do-with-your-major/>) (Major Skills & Outcomes Sheets)
- Make a career advising appointment (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/make-an-appointment/>)
- Learn about internships and internship funding (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/finding-a-job-or-internship/>)
- Try “Jobs, Internships, & How to Get Them,” (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/canvas/>) an interactive guide in Canvas for enrolled UW-Madison students