

AFRICAN AND AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES MAJOR

Overview

The Department of African and African American Studies (AAAS) offers a major and minor in AAAS, as well as a minor in African Studies. The major prepares students to become global citizens, scholars, and socially-minded thinkers and solvers sensitive to the demands of an increasingly diverse America and the world. It fulfills key components of Fordham University's vision, educating students as leaders for justice and cultivating an inclusive community. The major equips students with both knowledge and skills for graduate study and careers in various fields, including law, academia, education, policy, government and politics, international organizations, journalism, and public service.

Major Requirements

- Completion of a minimum of nine one-semester courses offered by the department at the Rose Hill and Lincoln Center campuses.
- Required courses include African History, Caribbean History, and African American History.
- Two additional required courses include "Being and Becoming Black in the Atlantic World" and a senior research seminar in the senior year.
- Four elective courses chosen from cross-listed courses in English and, literary studies, history, art and music history, women, gender, and sexuality studies, media and communications, and political science.

Learning Outcomes

Upon graduation, students will have achieved the following curricular goals:

- Develop a critically-informed understanding of major themes and debates in African and African American complex histories.
- Gain knowledge in interdisciplinary approaches necessary for understanding the diverse histories, cultures, and experiences of African and African American peoples.
- Acquire conversance in multiple research methods relevant to the study of African and African American studies, including historical, literary, anthropological, sociological, and linguistic approaches.
- Develop critical skills in articulating and interpreting past and contemporary knowledge about African and African American histories and cultures.
- Acquire a foundation in critical thinking and problem solving, research, writing, and analytical skills essential for liberal arts education and well-rounded outlook on the world.

CIP Code

05.0201 - African-American/Black Studies.

You can use the CIP code to learn more about career paths associated with this field of study and, for international students, possible post-graduation visa extensions. Learn more about CIP codes and other information resources.