

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BACHELOR OF ARTS
DODGE FAMILY COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

Academic Year
For Students Entering the Oklahoma State System for Higher Education Summer 2024 through Spring 2025

General Requirements	
Minimum Total Credit Hours	120
Minimum Upper-Division Hours	48
Major Hours	36
Minimum Retention/Graduation Grade Point Averages:	
Overall - Combined and OU	2.00
Major - Combined and OU	2.00

Program
African and African-American Studies
B015
Bachelor of Arts

OU encourages students to complete at least 30 hours of applicable coursework each year to have the opportunity to graduate in 4 years.

GENERAL EDUCATION AND COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS

Courses for fulfillment of General Education and Dodge College of Arts & Sciences requirements must be from the approved General Education course list published in the Class Schedule or at <http://www.ou.edu/gened/courses>. **Courses graded P/NP will not apply.**

UNIVERSITY-WIDE GENERAL EDUCATION (MINIMUM 40 HOURS) AND COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Core Area I: Symbolic and Oral Communication		
<i>English Composition (6 hours)</i>		
ENGL 1113	Principles of English Composition	3
ENGL 1213	Principles of English Composition	3
or EXPO 1213	Expository Writing	
<i>Language (0-13 hours in the same language)</i>		
The college requirement cannot be met by high school coursework.		
Beginning Course		0-5
Beginning Course, continued		0-5
Intermediate Course (2000 level) ^{1,2}		0-3
<i>Mathematics (3 hours)</i>		
Choose one course from the General Education Mathematics list		
Core Area II: Natural Science (7 hours, including one laboratory component)		
<i>Biological Science</i>		
Choose an approved General Education Natural Science course with one of the following prefixes: BIOL, HES, MBIO, or PBIO ¹		
<i>Physical Science</i>		
Choose an approved General Education Natural Science course with one of the following prefixes: AGSC, ASTR, CHEM, GEOG, GEOL, GPHY, METR, or PHYS ¹		
Core Area III: Social Science (6 hours)		
P SC 1113	American Federal Government	3
Choose one course from the General Education Social Science list		
Core Area IV: Arts and Humanities (18 hours)		
<i>Artistic Forms</i>		
Choose one course from the General Education Artistic Forms list		
<i>Western Culture</i>		
HIST 1483	United States to 1865	3
or HIST 1493	United States, 1865 to the Present	
Choose one course from the General Education Western Culture list (excluding HIST 1483/1493)		
<i>World Culture</i>		
Choose one course from the General Education World Culture list		
<i>Additional Core IV Upper-Division Arts & Humanities courses</i>		
Choose one course from Artistic Forms, Western Culture, or World Culture ^{1,3}		
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Core Area V: First Year Experience (3 hours)		
Choose one course		
Total Credit Hours		56

- ¹ College of Arts and Sciences Requirements: college requirements are not automatically fulfilled by a previous degree.
- ² One course at the intermediate level or demonstrated competency at that level
- ³ 6 upper-division hours, 2 courses, at the 3000- 4000-level. **Must be outside the major.**

FREE ELECTIVES

Electives to bring total applicable hours to the minimum total required for the degree including 48 upper-division hours.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

- Some courses required for the major may also fulfill University General Education and/or Dodge College of Arts & Sciences Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
AFAM Core		
AFAM 2003	Introduction to African and African-American Studies	3
AFAM 2113	Africa and the Diaspora	3
HIST 3743	African-American History to 1877	3
or HIST 3753	African-American History Since 1877	
AFAM 3513	AFAM Research Methods (or an alternative research course as approved by the Program Director)	3
AFAM 4003	Senior Seminar in African and African-American Studies (Capstone)	3
Major Electives		
Choose one course from each of the three groups listed below:		
	Historical Issues	9
	Contemporary Social Issues	
	Aesthetics	
Additional Requirements		
Choose twelve hours selected from courses not already used in Major Electives; courses listed below; or courses approved by the Program Director: ¹		
AFAM 4010	Special Topics In African And African-American Studies ²	12
AFAM 4990	Independent Study ³	
ENGL 2713	Introduction to Black Literature in the United States	
HIST 2713	Survey of African Civilization	
HIST 3743	African-American History to 1877 ⁴	
HIST 3753	African-American History Since 1877 ⁴	
JMC 4853	Race, Gender, Class and the Media	
SOC 3803	Inequality in A Global Perspective	
Total Credit Hours		36

- ¹ It is highly recommended that students complete both HIST 3743 and HIST 3753.
- ² A maximum of 9 hours of AFAM 4010 will apply toward the degree program.
- ³ A maximum of 6 hours of AFAM 4990 will apply toward the degree program.
- ⁴ If HIST 3743 or HIST 3753 is used to satisfy the AFAM Core requirement, it may not also be used as a major elective.

More information in the catalog: (<http://ou-public.courseleaf.com/dodge-arts-sciences/luper-african-american-studies/african-african-american-studies-ba/>).

INFORMATION CONCERNING GENERAL RULES, REGULATIONS AND MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Arts and Sciences Hours: At least 80 semester hours of liberal arts and sciences courses are required for a BA degree. At least 55 semester hours of liberal arts and sciences courses are required for a BS degree.

Pass/No Pass Enrollment: A maximum of 16 semester hours of free elective credit may be attempted under this option.

Individual Studies (e.g., courses titled “Independent Study”): A maximum of 12 total semester hours may be counted toward graduation, excluding Honors Reading and Honors Research.

P.E. Courses: No physical education activity courses will be counted toward the 120 semester hours of acceptable credit for graduation.

Senior Institution Hours: A minimum of 60 semester hours applied toward graduation must be earned at senior (4-year) institutions.

Residency:

- At least 15 of the final 30 hours applied toward the degree or at least 50 percent of the hours required by the institution in the major field must be satisfactorily completed at the awarding institution.
- At least 15 semester hours of upper-division major work must be completed in residence at OU.
- OU correspondence courses are *not* considered resident credit.

Grade Point Averages: Students must earn a minimum over all 2.00 for each of the following: Combined Retention GPA (all college grades), OU Retention GPA, GPA for all major courses, and GPA for all major courses taken at OU. Some schools and departments of the College have higher minimum grade point averages required for their students.

SUGGESTED SEMESTER PLAN OF STUDY

This plan shows one possible grouping of courses that would allow students to graduate in four years. Please refer to the front of the degree checksheet for official requirements. Students must consult with Dodge College of Arts and Sciences and/or Department of African and African American Studies academic advisors to verify that courses selected each semester fulfill the recommended plan and satisfy University, College of Arts and Sciences, and African and African American Studies major requirements.

Year	FIRST SEMESTER	Hours	SECOND SEMESTER	Hours		
FRESHMAN	AFAM 2003	Introduction to African and African-American Studies (Core IV, World Culture)	3	AFAM 2113	Africa and the Diaspora	3
	ENGL 1113	Principles of English Composition (Core I)	3	ENGL 1213 or EXPO 1213	Principles of English Composition (Core I) or Expository Writing	3
	P SC 1113	American Federal Government (Core III)	3	HIST 1483 or HIST 1493	United States to 1865 (Core IV) or United States, 1865 to the Present	3
		First Year Experience (Core V)	3		Social Science (Core III)	3
		Math (Core I)	3		Natural Science without lab (Core II)	3
		CREDIT HOURS	15		CREDIT HOURS	15
SOPHOMORE	HIST 3743 or HIST 3753	African-American History to 1877 (Core IV, Western Culture) or African-American History Since 1877	3		AFAM Additional Requirement	3
		Beginning Language (Core I)	5		Beginning Language continued (Core I)	5
		Natural Science with lab (Core II)	4		Free Elective, lower-division	3
		Artistic Forms (Core IV)	3		Free Elective, lower-division	3
					Free Elective, lower-division	1
	CREDIT HOURS	15		CREDIT HOURS	15	
JUNIOR	AFAM 3513	AFAM Research Methods	3		AFAM Aesthetics course, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
		AFAM Historical Issues course, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3		AFAM Additional Requirement	3
		AFAM Contemporary Social Issues course, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3		Arts & Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen. Ed.)	3
		Intermediate Language	3		AFAM Additional Requirement, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
		Arts & Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen. Ed.)	3		AFAM Additional Requirement, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
	CREDIT HOURS	15		CREDIT HOURS	15	
SENIOR		Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	AFAM 4003	Senior Seminar in African and African-American Studies	3
		Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3		Free Elective, lower- or upper-division	3
		Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3		Free Elective, lower- or upper-division	3
		Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3		Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
		Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3		Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
	CREDIT HOURS	15		CREDIT HOURS	15	

**AFRICAN AND AFRICAN-AMERICAN STUDIES MAJOR
ELECTIVE CATEGORY COURSE LISTS**

HISTORICAL ISSUES

Code	Title	Credit Hours
AFAM 3123	West African and African-American Experiences	3
AFAM 3313		3
AFAM 3323		3
AFAM 3333	The Black West	3
AFAM 4633	African American Religious Traditions	3
AFAM 4733	Civil Rights Law: Employment and Education	3

CONTEMPORARY SOCIAL ISSUES

Code	Title	Credit Hours
AFAM 3413	African American Education in the United States	3
AFAM 3423	African-American Men	3
AFAM 3433	African American Women	3
AFAM 3453	The Black Athlete in America	3
AFAM 4413	Issues in the African American Family	3
AFAM 4423	African American Health Issues	3
AFAM 4623	Hip Hop Culture and Contemporary America	3
AFAM 4713	Afrocentric Thinking and the Civil Rights Movement	3
AFAM 4723		3
AFAM 4813	Prison Industrial Complex	3
AFAM 4823	African American Politics and Public Policy	3

AESTHETICS

Code	Title	Credit Hours
AFAM 3133	Introduction to African Aesthetics	3
AFAM 3143	Gospel Music Past and Present	3
AFAM 3613	Visual Culture and African American Identity: 1895-1939	3
AFAM 4133	Contemporary Visual Art of Africa	3
AFAM 4213	African Dance	3
AFAM 4233	Blacks and the Movies: Hollywood and Black Independent Film	3
AFAM 4243	The Black Arts Movement	3