

Africana Studies and English, BA

Overview

The combined major in Africana studies and English offers students the opportunity to integrate their studies of both disciplines and explore the historical, practical, and theoretical relationships between the two disciplines. In addition to considering the significant points of contention, students explore the ways in which insights from Africana studies can be brought to bear on the disciplinary issues and questions of English studies. Within the combined major, students may also choose to focus their studies on a range of topics related to literature, writing, narrative, and cultural production in the United States, the Americas, Europe, Africa, and across the global African Diaspora.

Program Requirements

Complete all courses listed below unless otherwise indicated. Also complete any corequisite labs, recitations, clinicals, or tools courses where specified and complete any additional courses needed beyond specific college and major requirements to satisfy graduation credit requirements.

Universitywide Requirements

All undergraduate students are required to complete the Universitywide Requirements (<http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/university-wide-requirements/>).

BA Language Requirements

All BA students are required to complete the BA degree language requirements, for a total of 12 semester hours of language study or demonstrated equivalent proficiency, as described in Additional Requirements for BA students (<http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/nupath/ba-requirements/>). Successful demonstration of proficiency does not reduce total minimum semester hours of study required to earn the BA degree.

NUpath Requirements

All undergraduate students are required to complete the NUpath Requirements (<http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/nupath/>).

Africana Studies Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Introduction to College		
CLTR 1000	Cultures, Societies, and Global Studies at Northeastern	1
Foundational Course		
AFAM 1101 or AFRS 1101	Introduction to African American and Africana Studies Introduction to African Studies	4
Introductory Course		
Complete one of the following:		4
AFAM 1104	The African-American Experience through Music	
AFAM 1113	Black Popular Culture	
AFAM 1135	John Coltrane and the History of Jazz in the United States	
AFAM 1225	Gender, Race, and Medicine	
AFRS 1270	Introduction to Global Health	
Humanities		
Complete three of the following:		12
AFAM 2296	Early African-American Literature	
AFAM 2619	Race and Religion in Film	
AFAM 2690	Boston in Literature	
AFAM 3404	African American Rhetorical Traditions	
AFAM 3664	Black Poetry and the Spoken Word	
AFRS 2410	Possession, Sacrifice, and Divination in African Diasporic Religions	
AFRS 3900	Gender and Black World Literatures	
Social Sciences		
Complete three of the following:		12
AFAM 2355	Race, Identity, Social Change, and Empowerment	
AFAM 2600	Issues in Race, Science, and Technology	
AFAM 2618	Community Psychology	
AFAM 3120	Race, Crime, and Justice	

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AFAM 3270	Race, Ethnicity, and Inequality
AFAM 5001	Special Topics in Race and the Law
AFRS 2307	Africa Today
AFRS 2325	Black Feminist Studies
AFRS 2464	Natural Resources and Sustainable Development
AFRS 3424	Epidemiology of Pandemic Diseases and Health Disparities in the African Diaspora
AFRS 3460	Contemporary Government and Politics in Africa
CAEP 3310	Say It Loud: The Black Power Movement and Higher Education

English Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Foundational Courses		
ENGL 1400	Introduction to Literary Studies	4
ENGL 1160 or ENGL 1410	Introduction to Rhetoric Introduction to Research on Writing	4
ENGL 1700 or ENGL 1701	Global Literatures 1 Global Literatures 2	4

English Electives

Two of the courses chosen from the lists below must be at the 3000 or 4000 level.

Code	Title	Hours
Diversity		
Complete one course from the following. You may reuse this course to fulfill an additional English requirement below.		4
ENGL 2150	Literature and Digital Diversity	
ENGL 2296	Early African-American Literature	
ENGL 2450	Postcolonial Literature	
ENGL 2455	American Women Writers	
ENGL 2470	Asian-American Literature	
ENGL 2760	Writing in Global Contexts	
ENGL 3678	Bedrooms and Battlefields: Hebrew Bible and the Origins of Sex, Gender, and Ethnicity	
ENGL 3685	Modern and Contemporary Jewish Literature	
Literary Periods		
<i>Pre-19th Century Literature</i>		
Complete one course from the following:		4
ENGL 1600	Introduction to Shakespeare	
ENGL 2296	Early African-American Literature	
ENGL 3101	Early Literatures	
ENGL 3120	17th- and 18th-Century Literatures	
ENGL 3618	Milton	
ENGL 3678	Bedrooms and Battlefields: Hebrew Bible and the Origins of Sex, Gender, and Ethnicity	
or JWSS 3678	Bedrooms and Battlefields: Hebrew Bible and the Origins of Sex, Gender, and Ethnicity	
<i>19th/20th/21st Century Literature</i>		
Complete one of the following courses:		4
<i>19th Century</i>		
ENGL 2330	The American Renaissance	
ENGL 3140	19th-Century Literatures	
ENGL 3190	Topics in 19th-Century American Literature	
ENGL 3619	Emerson and Thoreau	
ENGL 3720	19th-Century Major Figure	
<i>20th/21st Century</i>		
ENGL 2301	The Graphic Novel	

ENGL 2440	The Modern Bestseller
ENGL 2600	Irish Literary Culture (Abroad)
ENGL 3161	20th- and 21st-Century Literatures
ENGL 3685	Modern and Contemporary Jewish Literature
or JWSS 3685	Modern and Contemporary Jewish Literature
ENGL 3730	20th- and 21st-Century Major Figure

Theories and Methods

Complete one of the following:	4
ENGL 1140	Grammar: The Architecture of English
ENGL 1160	Introduction to Rhetoric
ENGL 1410	Introduction to Research on Writing
ENGL 2150	Literature and Digital Diversity
ENGL 3325	Rhetoric of Law
ENGL 3381	The Practice and Theory of Teaching Writing
ENGL 3400	Opening the Archive
ENGL 3700	Narrative Medicine
LING 1150	Introduction to Language and Linguistics
LING 2350	Linguistic Analysis
LING 3450	Syntax
LING 3452	Semantics
LING 3454	History of English
LING 3456	Language and Gender
LING 3458	Topics in Linguistics

Comparative Course

Complete one of the following courses:	4
ENGL 1450	Reading and Writing in the Digital Age
ENGL 1500	British Literature to 1800
ENGL 1502	American Literature to 1865
ENGL 2150	Literature and Digital Diversity
ENGL 2420	Contemporary Poetry
ENGL 2430	Contemporary Fiction
ENGL 2455	American Women Writers
ENGL 2470	Asian-American Literature
ENGL 2510	Horror Fiction
ENGL 2520	Science Fiction
ENGL 2600	Irish Literary Culture (Abroad)
ENGL 2620	What Is Nature?
ENGL 2690	Boston in Literature
ENGL 3487	Film and Text (Abroad)

Writing

Complete one of the following:	4
ENGL 2700	Creative Writing
ENGL 2710	Style and Editing
ENGL 2730	Digital Writing
ENGL 2740	Writing and Community Engagement
ENGL 2760	Writing in Global Contexts
ENGL 2770	Writing to Heal
ENGL 2850	Writing for Social Media: Theory and Practice
ENGL 3375	Writing Boston
ENGL 3376	Creative Nonfiction
ENGL 3377	Poetry Workshop
ENGL 3378	Fiction Workshop
ENGL 3380	Writing Seminar
ENGL 3384	The Writer's Marketplace

English Electives

Complete any two ENGL courses that have not already been used to fulfill another requirement. 8

Integrative Course

Code	Title	Hours
Complete one of the following:		
AFAM 2296 or ENGL 2296	Early African-American Literature	4
AFAM 3404 or ENGL 3404	African American Rhetorical Traditions	
AFAM 3664 or ENGL 3664	Black Poetry and the Spoken Word	
AFRS 3900 or ENGL 3900	Gender and Black World Literatures	

Capstone

Code	Title	Hours
Complete one capstone in either Africana Studies or English from the following:		
AFAM 4700	Capstone	4
ENGL 4710 or ENGL 4720	Capstone Seminar Capstone Project	

Africana Studies and English Combined-Major Credit Requirement

Complete 86 semester hours in the major.

Experiential Liberal Arts

All students in this College of Social Sciences and Humanities program are required to complete the Experiential Liberal Arts Requirement (<http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/#ela>).

Program Requirements

128 total semester hours required.

Plan of Study**Sample Plan of Study: Four Years, Two Co-ops in Summer 2/Fall**

Year 1								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours	Hours
CLTR 1000		1 ENGL 1400		4 ENGL elective		4 Elective		4
ENGL 1160		4 Africana studies social sciences course		4 Foreign language course		4 Elective		4
ENGL 1111		4 Foreign language course		4				
Africana studies foundational course		4 Integrative course		4				
Africana studies introductory course		4						
		17			16			8
Year 2								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours	Hours
Africana studies humanities course		4 Africana studies social sciences course		4 Africana studies humanities course		4 Co-op		
Africana studies social sciences course		4 Africana studies humanities course		4 Elective		4		
Africana studies social sciences course		4 ENGL diversity course		4				
Comparative ENGL course		4 ENGL Pre-19th century course		4				
		16			16			8
								0

Year 3							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
Co-op		Advanced Writing in the Disciplines		4 ENGL writing course		4 Co-op	
		ENGL 19th/20th/21st-century literature course		4 Elective		4	
		Elective		4			
		Elective		4			
	0		16		8		0
Year 4							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours				
Co-op		Capstone course	4				
		ENGL theories and methods course	4				
		ENGL elective	4				
		Elective	4				
	0		16				

Total Hours: 129