

The **AA degree in African-American Studies** will be awarded upon satisfactory completion of the major course requirements listed below and the General Education requirements for the Associate in Arts Degree listed in the Degrees and Programs section of this Catalog. The discipline of African American Studies at the College Of Alameda will give you a deep appreciation and understanding of the impact that people of African descent have had on the ancient and modern worlds. You will draw from multiple academic disciplines, including history, sociology, communication, literature, art, dance, anthropology, and political science. Through these academic lenses you will gain a broader understanding of the African diasporic experience in the U. S. and beyond as you will critically analyze the struggles, triumphs, and rich traditions both past and present. You will learn from instructors who are active in the community and their areas of academic specialization. Students in African American Studies at the College of Alameda can elect to study in Africa during the summer session through our study abroad program to Accra Ghana. Future study abroad opportunities within the African diaspora will include Mexico, Cuba, Haiti, Jamaica, and Brazil.

Career Opportunities

African American studies graduates from the College Of Alameda are prepared to work in many situations requiring appreciation of cultural diversity, gender equity, and social awareness. Recent graduates have gone on to peruse four year degrees at Cal, Davis, UCLA, Howard, SFSU, and other major colleges throughout the country and abroad. Other COA scholars have elected to peruse professional careers in, politics, social service programs, counseling services, nonprofits, and other community based organizations.

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Students will learn about the rich history and vast contributions that African Americans have made to the U.S. and beyond.
- Students will study the multidimensions of the African diaspora throughout the world by analyzing the various arts, sciences, literatures, political movements, and national identities.
- Students will be exposed to the African/African American struggle for social justice and equality throughout the diaspora

Degree Major Requirements

DEPT/NO.	TITLE	UNITS
AFRAM 30	African American History: Africa to 1865	3
AFRAM 31	African American History: 1865-1945	3
AFRAM 32	African American History: 1945 to Present	3
AFRAM 18	African Heritage of Latin America	3
SOC 5	Minority Groups	3
AFRAM 5	The African American Family in the United States	3

**Recommended GE Elective Choices:
3 or more units from the following:**

AFRAM 8	African American Politics	3
AFRAM 14A	Social Psychology of African American Male/Female Relationships	3
PSYCH 18	Psychology of Race and Ethnicity in the U.S.	3
ENGL 31	Survey of African-American Literature	3

Total Units required for Major: 18

Required Peralta General Education Units: 42

Total Units Required for A.A. Degree: 60

Recommended Course Sequence

FALL 1

COURSE		UNITS	REQUIREMENT	COA GE AREA
ENGL 1A ENGL 1AS	Composition and Reading <i>or</i> Composition and Reading (w/ support)	4 or 5	GE	4A
MATH 13	Introduction to Statistics (+213 Support Course)	4 or 6	GE	4B
AFRAM 32	African-American History: 1945 to Present	3	Major	2 & 5
LIS 74	Information Seeking Behavior	3	Elective	4C
DANCE 68 KIN 54A	Modern Dance 1 <i>or</i> Cross Fitness I – Fundamentals	1	Elective	

Total Number of Units: 15 to 18

SPRING 1

AFRAM 30	African-American History: Africa to 1865	3	Major	2 & 5
ENGL 31	Survey of African-American Literature	3	Major	(3 or 4D) & 5
COMM 6	Intercultural Communication	3	GE	2 or 4D
ANTHR 1	Introduction to Physical Anthropology	3	GE	1
SOC 5	Minority Groups	3	Major	2 & 5

Total Number of Units: 16

FALL 2

AFRAM 31	African-American History: 1865-1945	3	Major	2 & 5
PSYCH 18	Psychology of Race and Ethnicity in the U.S.	3	Major	2 & 5
COMM 45	Public Speaking	3	Elective	4D
MUSIC 15A	Jazz, Blues and Popular Music in the American Culture	3	Elective	3 & 5
ART 20 ART 50	Beginning Drawing and Composition <i>or</i> Beginning Painting	3	Elective	

Total Number of Units: 15

SPRING 2

HIST 8A	History of Latin-American Civilization	3	Elective	2 or 3
ENGL 5	Critical Thinking on Reading and Writing	3	Elective	4D
ANTHR 19	Anthropology of Sex and Gender	3	Elective	2
SOC 1	Introduction to Sociology	3	Elective	2
COUN 57	Career and Life Planning	3	Elective	

Total Number of Units: 15

Please meet with a counselor to develop a personalized education plan to help you meet your specific goals.

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AFRAM 1

Introduction to African American Studies

- 3 units, 3 hours lecture (GR or P/NP)

Overview of the field of African American Studies: History, literature, the arts and material culture, as well as sociological, political, economic, public policy, and philosophical perspectives on the experience of people of African descent in the United States. 2203.00

AFRAM 5

The African-American Family in the United States

- 3 units, 3 hours lecture (GR)
- Acceptable for credit: CSU, UC

Selected topics in history related to the formation of the black family: From slavery to current debates about the structure of black families. Examination of effects of larger demographic, political and social changes on African-American families. 2203.00

AA/AS area 2, 5; CSU area D; IGETC area 4

AFRAM 8

African American Politics

- 3 units, 3 hours lecture (GR or P/NP)

Analysis and understanding of major trends and developments in the politics of African-Americans: Emphasis on African-American politicians within the two-party system. 2203.00

AFRAM 10

Sociology of African-Americans

- 3 units, 3 hours lecture (GR or P/NP)

Sociological analysis of African-American society in the United States: Political, economic, religious and judicial systems as they affect African-Americans; emphasis on recent African-American socio-political movements. 2203.00

AFRAM 11

Perceptions of the African American Male in America

- 3 units, 3 hours lecture (GR or P/NP)

The African American male in the history of the United States: Roles in sports, economics, entertainment, military, politics and family structure. 2203.00

AFRAM 14A

Social Psychology of African American Male/Female Relationships

- 3 units, 3 hours lecture (GR)

Exploring the dynamics of African American male-female relationships: Self-actualization, handling conflict in relationships, building a foundation for healthy relationships. 2203.00

AFRAM 18

African Heritage of Latin America

- 3 units, 3 hours lecture (GR or P/NP)

Survey of the influence of African people throughout Latin America: Culture; music, language, religion and dance; examination of slavery, colonialism, resistance and independence movements in the region. Also offered as M/LAT 32. Not open to students who have completed or are currently enrolled in M/LAT 32. 2203.00

AFRAM 23

Perceptions of African American Women

- 3 units, 3 hours lecture (GR or P/NP)

Study and application of the historical role African American women have played in the development of the United States from its inception. 2203.00

AFRAM 30

African-American History: Africa to 1865

- 3 units, 3 hours lecture (GR or P/NP)
- Also offered as HIST 50. Not open for credit to students who have completed or are currently enrolled in HIST 50.
- Acceptable for credit: CSU, UC

Survey of the experience of African-Americans from their origins to the end of the Civil War: Emphasis on political, social and cultural development, and change. 2203.00

AA/AS area 2, 5; CSU area D, CSU American Institutions US1; IGETC area 4

AFRAM 31**African-American History: 1865-1945**

- 3 units, 3 hours lecture (GR or P/NP)
- Also offered as HIST 51. Not open for credit to students who have completed or are currently enrolled in HIST 51.
- Acceptable for credit: CSU, UC

Survey of the experience of African-Americans in the United States from 1865 to 1945: Emphasis on Black Reconstruction, African-American nationalism, racism, and the impact of the Depression and World War II. 2203.00

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AFRAM 32**African-American History: 1945 to Present**

- 3 units, 3-4 hours lecture (GR or P/NP)
- Also offered as HIST 52. Not open for credit to students who have completed or are currently enrolled in HIST 52.
- Acceptable for credit: CSU, UC

Survey of the experience of African-Americans in the United States from 1945 to the present: Emphasis on the Civil Rights movement and other contemporary issues. 2203.00

AA/AS area 2, 5; CSU area D; IGETC area 4

AFRAM 49**Independent Study in African-American Studies**

- 0.5-5 units, 0.5-5 hours lecture (GR)
- Acceptable for credit: CSU

In-depth exploration of an area or problem of the student's choice not covered by regular catalog offerings in African-American Studies. Student must obtain approval from an appropriate faculty member. For more details, see the section on independent study in the college catalog. 2203.00