Bachelor of Art in Afro American Studies

Howard University

College of Arts & Sciences

Catalog: Fall 2023 – Present

Quick Summary - What You Need to Graduate

Total Credits 120	Minimum GPA 2.0	AFRO Credits 33	Minor Credits 15-18 2.0 GPA	Last 30 Credits At Howard

Your Degree Breakdown:

- Major Requirements: 33+ Afro-American Studies credits (10+ courses)
- General Education: 60+ credits (approximately 24 courses)
- Math Requirements: Two courses MATH 005 or higher (6-8 credits)
- Free Electives: 30 credits to reach 120 (General Electives)
- Complete all 7 ELOs (can overlap with courses)
- Undergraduate Comprehensive Exam

Important: Double-Dipping Made Simple!

One course can fulfill BOTH a General Education requirement AND an Essential Learning Outcome (ELO) at the same time. You don't need separate courses for each! This helps you graduate efficiently without taking extra classes.

Major credits **cannot** be double dipped with minor credits. Minors require **15-18 credits that are not applied to their major requirements**. Minor coursework must remain distinct and separate from major coursework.

University-Wide Requirements

- **Minimum GPA:** 2.0 for all undergraduate coursework
- **Residency:** Complete last 30 credits at Howard University
- **Exit Requirement:** Undergraduate Comprehensive Exam
- **Total Credits:** 120 credits required

General Education Requirements (30 Credits / ~15 Courses)

Essential Learning Outcomes (ELOs)

- Students must complete courses covering all seven outcome areas. Remember, these can overlap with other requirements!
- **ELO 1:** U.S. and Global African Diasporic Developments
- **ELO 2:** Human Cultures and Creative Expression
- **ELO 3:** The Physical and Natural World
- **ELO 4:** Intellectual and Practical Skills
- **ELO 5:** Social Responsibility and Political Institutions
- **ELO 6:** Leadership and Applied Learning
- **ELO 7:** Comprehensive Wellness Practices
- **Note:** ELO courses are tagged in Bison Hub under the course description

Freshman Experience (1 Credit / 1 Course)

- **FRSM 001 -** Freshman Seminar (1 credit)

Core Writing & Communication (12 Credits / 4 Courses)

- **ENGW 101, 102, or 104 -** First-Year English Writing I (3 credits)
- **ENGW 103 or 105 -** First-Year English Writing II (3 credits)
- **Third Writing Course -** Upper-level writing (3 credits)
- **Principles of Speech (AS) -** (3 credits)

Health & Wellness (2 Credits / 1 Course)

- HHPL Activity/Health Course (2 credits)

Cultural and Global Awareness (12 Credits / 4 Courses)

- **African American Cluster Course -** 1 course (3 credits)
- **Foreign Language -** 3 courses (9 credits total, same language)
  (3 credits can be an intercultural knowledge)

Philosophy (3 Credits / 1 Course)

- **Philosophy Course** - (3 credits)

Humanities & Social Sciences (12 Credits / 4 Courses)

- **Two Humanities Courses -** 2 courses (3 credits each)
- **Two Social Science Courses -** 2 courses (3 credits each)

Mathematics Requirements (6-8 Credits / 2 Courses)

- **MATH 005 or higher** - (3-4 credits)
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Natural Sciences (3-4 Credits / 1 Course)

- **Natural Science Course** - (3-4 credits)

COAS Special Requirements

Experiential Learning (1 course required)

Examples of COAS Experiential Learning Course but are not limited to:

- ☐ AFRO 390
- ☐ Any 890 course
- ☐ Study abroad

Innovative Learning Requirement (1 course required)

- ☐ Complete at least one course marked as 'innovative'

Note: COAS Special Requirements courses are tagged in Bison Hub under the course description

Minor Requirements (15-18 Credits / 5-6 Courses)

Choose a minor in a different department

- **Minor Course** - Introductory course in different department (3 credits)
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Free Electives (30 credits / 9-10 Courses)

Afro-American Studies Major Requirements (33 Credits)

Foundation Courses (9 credits / 3 Courses)

Required for all Afro-American Studies students

- **AFRO 005** - Introduction to Afro American Studies I (3 credits)
- **AFRO 006** - Introduction to Afro American Studies II (3 credits)
- **AFRO 775**- Prep-Practicum-Writing (3 credits)

Afro-American Major Credits (15+ Credits / 5+ Courses)

Choose courses from approved Afro-American Studies electives

- **AFRO Major Elective** - (3 credits)
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Capstone & Experiential Requirements (9 credits / 2 courses)

- **AFRO 159** - Senior Seminar (3 credits)
- **AFRO 176** - Practicum/Internship in Afro American Studies (6 credits)

Sample Degree Progress Checklist

Always consult with your academic advisor for personalized guidance

First Year: Fall Semester (15 credits)

- ☐ FRSM 001 - Freshman Seminar (1 credit)
- ☐ ENGW 101/102/104 - First Year Writing I (3 credits)
- ☐ AFRO 005 - Introduction to Afro American Studies I (3 credits)
- ☐ Humanities Course (3 credits)
- ☐ Social Science Course (3 credits)
- ☐ HHPL Course (2 credits)

First Year: Spring Semester (15 credits)

- ☐ ENGW 103/105 - First Year Writing II (3 credits)
- ☐ AFRO 006 - Introduction to Afro American Studies II (3 credits)
- ☐ African American Cluster Course (3 credits)
- ☐ Foreign Language I (3 credits)
- ☐ Social Science Course (3 credits)

Second Year: Fall Semester (15-16 credits)

- ☐ AFRO Major Elective (3 credits)
- ☐ MATH 005 or higher (3-4 credits)
- ☐ Foreign Language II (3 credits)
- ☐ Humanities Course (3 credits)
- ☐ Social Science Course (3 credits)

Second Year: Spring Semester (15-16 credits)

- ☐ AFRO Major Elective (3 credits)
- ☐ MATH 005 or higher (3-4 credits)
- ☐ Foreign Language III (3 credits)
- ☐ Philosophy Course (3 credits)
- ☐ Minor Course (3 credits)

Third Year: Fall Semester (15-16 credits)

- ☐ AFRO Major Elective (3 credits)
- ☐ AFRO 775 - Prep-Practicum-Writing (3 credits)
- ☐ Foreign Language IV (3 credits)
- ☐ Minor Course (3 credits)
- ☐ Natural Science Course (3-4 credits)

Third Year: Spring Semester (15 credits)

- ☐ AFRO Major Elective (3 credits)
- ☐ Minor Course (3 credits)
- ☐ Minor Course (3 credits)
- ☐ General Elective (3 credits)
- ☐ General Elective (3 credits)

Fourth Year: Fall Semester (18 credits)

- ☐ AFRO Major Elective (3 credits)
- ☐ AFRO 176 - Practicum/Internship (6 credits)

- ☐ Minor Course (3 credits)
- ☐ General Elective (3 credits)
- ☐ General Elective (3 credits)

Fourth Year: Spring Semester (12-15 credits)

- ☐ AFRO 159 - Senior Seminar (3 credits)
- ☐ General Elective (3 credits)
- ☐ General Elective (3 credits)
- ☐ General Elective (3-6 credits)
- ☐ Complete Undergraduate Comprehensive Exam
- ☐ Apply for graduation

Key Requirements

- **Minimum Major GPA:** 2.0
- **Minimum Minor GPA:** 2.0 (if declared, min 15 credits)
- **Credits in Afro-American Studies:** 33+ minimum
- **Foreign Language:** 9 credits in the same language required
- **Mathematics:** Two courses MATH 005 or higher required
- **Residency:** Last 30 credits at Howard University
- **General Education:** Must span at least 4 different disciplines

Important Notes

- **Introduction Sequence:** AFRO 005 and AFRO 006 are required and should be taken in the first year.
- **Senior Seminar:** AFRO 159 integrates your learning and should be taken in your final year.
- **Practicum/Internship:** AFRO 176 provides hands-on experience. Plan early with your advisor.
- **Writing Practicum:** AFRO 775 develops advanced writing skills for the discipline.
- **Foreign Language:** All 12 credits must be in the same language.
- Consult with your academic advisor each semester for course planning.

Resources

- **Academic Advisor:** Contact Office of Undergraduate Studies for assignment
- **Department Office:** Afro-American Studies Department, College of Arts & Sciences
- **Research Opportunities:** Speak with faculty about research positions and independent study
- **Experiential Learning:** Connect with the Career Center and department for internship opportunities
- **Graduate School Advising:** Meet with faculty advisors if considering graduate programs