

## PROGRAM SUMMARY

- **Credit Hours:** 120 hours
  - **Concentrations:** Health and Environment [*Optional*]. Students can, if desired, complete a Concentration in Health and Environment as part of the B.A. degree in Africana Studies. The concentration focuses on the cultural, social, ethical, psychological, historical, and policy dimensions of the pertinent health and environmental issues in the global Africana World.
  - **Declaring the Major:** Minimum GPA of 2.0 required; no pre-requisite courses; change of major form accepted year-round; orientation/advising session while declaring major.
  - **Advising (For the Major):** Required on admission to the major and before beginning the senior year, recommended more frequently. Each new major is assigned an academic advisor.
  - **Advising (For General Education):** by College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Academic Advising Center.
  - **Minimum Grades/GPA:** GPA of 2.0 in the major required for graduation.
  - **Teacher Licensure:** No
  - **Evening Classes Available:** Yes
  - **Weekend Classes Available:** No
  - **Other Information:** Internships, Service Learning, Student Awards, Honors, Fieldwork, Study Abroad
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## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

The major in Africana Studies leading to a B.A. degree requires the completion of a minimum of 30 credit hours in Africana Studies courses as follows:

- Fifteen credit hours in Africana Studies core courses: AFRS 1100, 3290, 4000, 4010, and one of the following: AFRS 2156, 2160, and 2161.
- The remaining fifteen credit hours must be in Africana Studies electives, including any of the following: 2011, 2012, 2050, 2103, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2120, 2156, 2160, 2161, 2170, 2172, 2206, 2207, 2208, 2215, 2221, 2225, 2301, 3050, 3101, 3150, 3155, 3158, 3159, 3179, 3190, 3192, 3200, 3210, 3218, 3220, 3230, 3240, 3250, 3260, 3261, 3265, 3270, 3278, 3280, 3290, 3692, 3895, 3990, 4050, 4101, 4105, 4410, 4630, 4640, 4652.

The Africana Studies major with concentration in health and environment requires the completion of a minimum of 30 credit hours in Africana Studies courses as follows:

- Eighteen credit-hour core courses: AFRS 1100, 2170, 3290, 4000, 4010, and one of the following: AFRS 2153, 2160, and 2161.
- Three to four courses (9-12 credits) from the following: AFRS 2172, 3155, 3250, 3261, 3895, 4630, 4640, and 4652.
- One course (3 credits) MAY be taken from the following: ANTH 2126, ANTH 3122, ANTH 3124, ANTH 4131, COMM 3051, COMM 3115, ESCI 2102, GEOG 2103, GEOG 2120, GEOG 3215, GRNT/HLTH 3115, HIST 2140, HLTH 2140, HLTH 3102, HLTH 4103, HLTH 4104, HLTH 4280, HLTH 3103, HLTH 4090, NURS/WMST 4191, POLS 3125, SOCY/GER 4130, and any other related course approved by the chair of the department.

Students are required to take a series of foundational courses including AFRS 1100 (Introduction to Africana Studies) before progressing to the advanced (3000 and 4000) level courses. Students interested in pursuing study abroad, independent study, or professional internship should contact the Department Chair.

The Africana Studies major is ideal for students who want to work in a field where background in liberal arts education is desirable such as social and community services, media, teaching, entrepreneurship, business, government service, international organizations, museums and archives, corporate and organization diversity, and not-for-profit agencies. The major is also relevant for students who are interested in graduate study or professional school.

<b>Areas</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>Pre-Major/ Prerequisites</b>	-	-
<b>Major</b>	30	Required courses in the major will satisfy university requirements for Writing Intensive and Oral Communication when designated as such.
<b>General Education (not satisfied by other major requirements)</b>	30	Hours do not include requirements which are satisfied within the major. Except for the Writing Intensive and Oral Communication Intensive classes, general education courses do not satisfy related work requirements for the major. See also Foreign Languages. Transfer students with an associate's degree are exempt from most General Education, except Writing Intensive requirement and the Foreign language requirement.
<b>Foreign Language</b>	6-8	Must demonstrate competence at the level of the first semester of 2000-level in a language in the Roman alphabet; or, must demonstrate competence at the 1202 level in a language in a non-Roman alphabet; competence can be demonstrated by transfer courses, placement exam, or courses at UNC Charlotte. It is highly recommended that students take courses in one of the African/African Diaspora languages such as Yoruba, Swahili, Arabic, Brazilian Portuguese, Spanish, or French.
<b>Related Work and Electives</b>	52-54	As needed to complete 120 hours total. Maybe satisfied by a second major, a minor, or a set of coordinated courses developed through consultation with an advisor. See specific requirements for the AFRS concentration in Health and Environment.
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	120	

## SUGGESTED PLAN OF STUDY – AFRICANA STUDIES

Freshman Year					
Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours	General Education	W/O Course	Notes
AFRS 1100	Introduction to Africana Studies	3			
UWRT 1103	Writing & Inquiry in Academic Contexts (Or UWRT 1104)	3	X		
MATH 1100	College Algebra and Probability	3	X		
LBST 110X	LBST 110X Series: Arts and Society	3	X		
Natural Sci.	Science and Science Lab: PHYS 1130, BINF 1101, ANTH 2141, BIOL 1110, 1115, 1273, 1274; CHEM 1111, 1112, 1200, 1203, 1204, 1251, 1252; ESCI 1101; ITIS 1350; GEOL 1200, 1210; PHYS 1101, 1102, 1201, 1202, 1203, 2101, 2102;or PSYC 1101.	4	X		
Social Sci.	Social Science Course	3	X		
XXXX XXXX	Electives	6			
XXXX XXXX	Foreign Language	6-8			

31-33 Credit Hours for Year

Sophomore Year					
Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours	General Education	W/O Course	Notes
AFRS xxxx	AFRS 2156, 2160, or 2161	3			
AFRS xxxx	AFRS 2206, 2215, 3270, 3692, 4652	3	X	W	Writing Intensive in major
LBST 2301	Critical Thinking and Communication	3	X		
LBST 2XXX	LBST 2101, LBST 2102, or LBST 22XX	3	X		
LBST 2XXX	LBST 2101, LBST 2102, or LBST 22XX	3	X		
XXXX XXXX	MATH 1102 or STAT or PHIL 2105	3	X		
Natural Sci.	Science: PHYS 1130, BINF 1101, ANTH 2141, BIOL 1110, 1115, 1273, 1274; CHEM 1111, 1112, 1200, 1203, 1204, 1251, 1252; ESCI 1101; ITIS 1350; GEOL 1200, 1210; PHYS 1101, 1102, 1201, 1202, 1203, 2101, 2102;or PSYC 1101.	3	X		
XXXX XXXX	Related Work/Electives (Exploratory courses for second major and/or minor)	9-12			

30-33 Credit Hours for Year

Junior Year					
Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours	General Education	W/O Course	Notes
AFRS xxxx	AFRS Elective within major	3			
AFRS xxxx	AFRS Elective within major	3			
AFRS xxxx	AFRS Elective within major	3			
AFRS xxxx	AFRS Elective within major	3			
XXXX XXXX	Writing Intensive in or outside major	3	X	W	Writing Intensive in or outside major
XXXX XXXX	Related Work/Electives (second major and/or minor)	15-18			

30-33 Credit Hours for Year

Senior Year					
Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours	General Education	W/O Course	Notes
AFRS 3290	Research Methods	3	X	O	Fulfills Oral Communication requirement
AFRS 4000	Senior Seminar in Africana Studies	3			
AFRS 4010	African Diaspora Theory	3			
AFRS xxxx	AFRS Elective within major	3			
XXXX XXXX	Related Work/Electives (second major and/or minor)	18-21			As needed to complete 120 hours

30-33 Credit Hours for Year

## ADVISING RESOURCES

- General Education Requirements for ALL Students: [ucol.uncc.edu/general-education](http://ucol.uncc.edu/general-education)
- Undergraduate Catalog: [catalog.uncc.edu](http://catalog.uncc.edu)
- Central Advising website: [advising.uncc.edu](http://advising.uncc.edu)
- College of Liberal Arts and Sciences advising website: [clas.uncc.edu/students/Advising-News/](http://clas.uncc.edu/students/Advising-News/)
- University Advising Center website: [advisingcenter.uncc.edu](http://advisingcenter.uncc.edu)

## SUGGESTED PLAN OF STUDY – AFRICANA STUDIES, CONCENTRATION: HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

Freshman Year					
Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours	General Education	W/O Course	Notes
AFRS 1100	Introduction to Africana Studies	3			
UWRT 1103	Writing & Inquiry in Academic Contexts (Or UWRT 1104)	3	X		
MATH 1100	College Algebra and Probability	3	X		
LBST 110X	LBST 110X Series: Arts and Society	3	X		
Natural Sci.	Science and Science Lab: PHYS 1130, BINF 1101, ANTH 2141, BIOL 1110, 1115, 1273, 1274; CHEM 1111, 1112, 1200, 1203, 1204, 1251, 1252; ESCI 1101; ITIS 1350; GEOL 1200, 1210; PHYS 1101, 1102, 1201, 1202, 1203, 2101, 2102; or PSYC 1101.	4	X		
Social Sci.	Social Science Course	3	X		
XXXX XXXX	Electives	6-9			
XXXX XXXX	Foreign Language	3-8			

**28-36 Credit Hours for Year**

Sophomore Year					
Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours	General Education	W/O Course	Notes
AFRS xxxx	AFRS 2156, 2160, or 2161	3			
AFRS xxxx	AFRS 2206, 2215, 3270, 3692, 4652	3			Writing Intensive in major
AFRS 2170	Introduction to Health and Environmental Issues in the Africana World	3			
LBST 2301	Critical Thinking and Communication	3	X		
LBST 2XXX	LBST 2101, LBST 2102, or LBST 22XX	3	X		
LBST 2XXX	LBST 2101, LBST 2102, or LBST 22XX	3	X		
XXXX XXXX	MATH 1102 or STAT or PHIL 2105	3	X		
Natural Sci.	Science: PHYS 1130, BINF 1101, ANTH 2141, BIOL 1110, 1115, 1273, 1274; CHEM 1111, 1112, 1200, 1203, 1204, 1251, 1252; ESCI 1101; ITIS 1350; GEOL 1200, 1210; PHYS 1101, 1102, 1201, 1202, 1203, 2101, 2102; or PSYC 1101	3	X		
XXXX XXXX	Electives (Exploratory courses for minor or second major)	6-9			

**30-33 Credit Hours for Year**

Junior Year					
Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours	General Education	W/O Course	Notes
AFRS xxxx	AFRS Electives in the concentration: AFRS 3155, 3250, 3261, 4410, 4630, 4640, 4652	6			
AFRS 4652	Race, health, and the African Diaspora	3	X	W	Writing Intensive in major
XXXX XXXX	Writing Intensive in or outside major	3	X	W	Writing Intensive in or outside major
XXXX XXXX	Related Work/Electives (second major and/or minor)	18-21			

**30-33 Credit Hours for Year**

Senior Year					
Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours	General Education	W/O Course	Notes
AFRS 3290	Research Methods	3	X	O	Fulfills Oral Communication requirement
AFRS 4000	Senior Seminar in Africana Studies	3			
AFRS 4010	African Diaspora Theory	3			
AFRS xxxx	AFRS Elective in the concentration: AFRS 3155, 3250, 3261, 4410, 4630, 4640, 4652 or one of the following: ANTH 2126, ANTH 3122, ANTH 3124, ANTH 4131, COMM 3051, COMM 3115, ESCI 2102, GEOG 2103, GEOG 2120, GEOG 3215, GRNT/HLTH 3115, HIST 2140, HLTH 2140, HLTH 3102, HLTH 4103, HLTH 4104, HLTH 4280, HLTH 3103, HLTH 4090, NURS/WMST 4191, POLS 3125, SOCY/GER 4130, or any other related course approved by the chair of the department.	3			
XXXX XXXX	Related Work/Electives (second major and/or minor)	18-21			As needed to complete 120 hours

**30-33 Credit Hours for Year**

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- College of Liberal Arts and Sciences advising website: [clas.uncc.edu/students/Advising-News/](http://clas.uncc.edu/students/Advising-News/)
- University Advising Center website: [advisingcenter.uncc.edu](http://advisingcenter.uncc.edu)