

# AFRO-AMERICAN STUDIES, CERTIFICATE

The certificate in Afro-American studies introduces undergraduate students to the interdisciplinary study of African American, African diaspora and African history, society, and culture. Students may choose courses in African American history, literature, black women’s studies, art history, visual culture, music history and sociology. The certificate offers students opportunities to engage in interdisciplinary study and practice that will complement their major and enhance their intellectual and creative participation in their chosen professions and as citizens in our global society.

## HOW TO GET IN

To declare a certificate in Afro-American studies, students must be enrolled as an undergraduate at the University of Wisconsin–Madison. Interested students must contact the department’s undergraduate adviser to declare the certificate and be assigned a faculty adviser in their area of interest. Students may not declare both the certificate and the major in Afro-American studies.

## REQUIREMENTS

### CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

Certificate students must plan with a faculty adviser a cohesive program consisting of 15 credits chosen from undergraduate AFROAMER courses.

- At least one 3-credit course must focus on Afro-American history (see list below).
- A minimum of 9 credits must be completed from AFROAMER courses numbered 300–699.
- At least one 3-credit course must be advanced (AFROAMER 500–697).
- A maximum of 3 credits of directed study (AFROAMER 699) may count toward the certificate.
- Students may not substitute courses from other academic programs or subject listings to fulfill the requirements for this program.

Code	Title	Credits
All certificate students must take one 3-credit course in Afro-American history: 3		
AFROAMER 231	Introduction to Afro-American History	
AFROAMER 272	Race and American Politics from the New Deal to the New Right	
AFROAMER 302	Undergraduate Studies in Afro-American History	
AFROAMER/HISTORY 321	Afro-American History Since 1900	
AFROAMER/HISTORY 322	Afro-American History to 1900	
AFROAMER/GEN&WS 324	Black Women in America: Reconstruction to the Present	

AFROAMER/GEN&WS 326	Race and Gender in Post-World War II U.S. Society	
AFROAMER/HISTORY 393	Slavery, Civil War, and Reconstruction, 1848-1877	
AFROAMER/GEN&WS 624	African American Women's Activism (19th & 20th Centuries)	
AFROAMER/GEN&WS 625	Gender, Race and the Civil Rights Movement	
AFROAMER/HISTORY 628	History of the Civil Rights Movement in the United States	
AFROAMER 631	Colloquium in Afro-American History	
AFROAMER 671	Selected Topics in Afro-American History	
AFROAMER electives to meet the minimum credit requirement for the certificate		12
Total Credits		15

### RESIDENCE & QUALITY OF WORK

At least 8 credits must be taken in residence. Courses taken on a UW–Madison study abroad program are considered resident credits; however, study abroad courses must qualify as Afro-American studies credit.

A minimum 2.500 GPA in all courses eligible for the certificate is required. All certificate courses must be graded; credit/no credit and pass/fail do not qualify.

### CERTIFICATE COMPLETION REQUIREMENT

This undergraduate certificate must be completed concurrently with the student’s undergraduate degree. Students cannot delay degree completion to complete the certificate.

## LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. To familiarize students with the history, culture and social conditions of African Americans in the United States.
2. To introduce students to an interdisciplinary approach to the study of race, gender, and ethnicity in America.
3. To prepare students for careers in institutions that address the needs of multicultural communities.

## ADVISING AND CAREERS

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DARS is the document of record for the Afro-American studies certificate. Students should contact the certificate advisor to make sure they are on track to completing the program and to get confirmation of completion of the certificate.

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