

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES - AFRICANA STUDIES MAJOR, BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA)

This major serves to equip students via a comprehensive interdisciplinary curriculum to investigate, comprehend and appreciate the various aspirations, achievements, struggles and contributions of those individuals and groups within the African and African American communities based on a deeper understanding and application of Afrocentricity, black nationalism, liberation ideology and Critical Race Theory—all within a rich historical context domestically and abroad. Consult with your advisor to choose a minor.

Notes: two years of a single high school foreign language or one year of a single college-level foreign language is required for this major.

Note: this major requires the completion of a minor (15–16 credit) to reach a total of 60 credits.

Required Courses

AAST/HIST 315	AFRICAN HISTORY: ANCIENT AFRICA TO MANDELA	5
AAST/SOWK 320	AFRICAN AMERICAN FAMILY	5
AAST 321	AFRICAN AMERICAN POLITICAL AWARENESS	5

Required Electives—choose upper division AAST courses (any course numbered 300-499). 25

Required Capstone 4-5

ITGS 400 INTERDISCIPLINARY SR CAPSTONE (or another capstone with your advisor's approval)

Note: for students who select AAST as a second major, the capstone requirement will be met by the completion of the primary major capstone.

Total Credits 44-45

University Competencies and Proficiencies

English (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/archives/2021-2022/undergraduate-degree/#newitemtext>)

Quantitative and Symbolic Reasoning (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/archives/2021-2022/undergraduate-degree/#mathcompproficienciestext>)

Placement and Clearance Exams (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/archives/2021-2022/placement/>)

Prior Learning/Sources of Credit AP, CLEP, IB (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/archives/2021-2022/prior-learning/>)

General Education Requirements (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/archives/2021-2022/undergraduate-degree/#generaleducationrequirementstext>) (GER)

- Minimum Credits—180 cumulative credit hours
 - 60 upper-division credits (300 level or above)
 - 45 credits in residence (attendance) at Eastern, with at least 15 upper-division credits in major in residence at Eastern
- Minimum Cumulative GPA ≥ 2.0

Breadth Area Core Requirements (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/archives/2021-2022/undergraduate-degree/#generaleducationcorerequirementstext>) (BACR)

Humanities and Arts (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/archives/2021-2022/undergraduate-degree/#humanitiesandfineartstext>)

Natural Sciences (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/archives/2021-2022/undergraduate-degree/#naturalsciencesgecrtxt>)

Social Sciences (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/archives/2021-2022/undergraduate-degree/#socialsciencesgecrtxt>)

University Graduation Requirements (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/archives/2021-2022/undergraduate-degree/#universitygraduationrequirementstext>) (UGR)

Diversity Course List (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/archives/2021-2022/undergraduate-degree/#cultureandgenderdiversityintheuslisttext>)

Foreign Language (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/archives/2021-2022/undergraduate-degree/#foreignlanguageugrtxt>) (for Bachelor of Arts)

Global Studies Course List (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/archives/2021-2022/undergraduate-degree/#internationalstudiesrequirementtext>)

Minor or Certificate (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/archives/2021-2022/undergraduate-degree/#majorminororcertificateugrtxt>)

Senior Capstone Course List (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/archives/2021-2022/undergraduate-degree/#capstonecourselisttext>)

All admitted students must officially Declare a Major (<https://inside.ewu.edu/center-for-academic-advising-and-retention/academic-planning-tools/declare-your-major/>) by the time they reach 90 credits (junior standing).

Application for Graduation (use EagleNET (<https://inside.ewu.edu/eaglenet/>)) must be made at least two terms in advance of the term you expect to graduate (undergraduate and post-baccalaureate).

Use the Catalog Archives (<https://catalog.ewu.edu/archives/>) to determine two important catalog years (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/archives/2021-2022/undergraduate-degree/#activecatalogruletext>).

SOAR (<https://soar.ewu.edu/selfservice/general/home.html>) calculates based on these two catalog years.

1. The catalog *in effect at the student's first term* of current matriculation is used to determine **BACR** (Breadth Area Credit Requirements) and **UGR** (Undergraduate Graduation Requirements).
2. The catalog *in effect at the time the student declares a major or minor* is used to determine the program requirements.

Students who earn a BA in Interdisciplinary Studies—Africana Studies from EWU should be able to do the following:

- critique Eurocentric texts from an Afrocentric perspective; PLO-4
- demonstrate knowledge of activism's role in African-American history; PLO-2
- demonstrate knowledge of key events in African-American history. PLO-1

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- summarize the psychological impact of racial oppression on African Americans, white Americans, and other racial minorities in the US; PLO-3
- use critical race theory to analyze their own lived experience. PLO-5