

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.

Note: 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 214	AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURE AND EXPRESSIONS	5
AAST 215	EARLY AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY: ANCIENT AFRICA TO THE END OF THE RECONSTRUCTION 1877	5
or AAST 220	AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY: POST CIVIL WAR TO PRESENT	
AAST/HIST 315	AFRICAN HISTORY: ANCIENT AFRICA TO MANDELA	5
AAST 318	THEORETICAL FOUNDATIONS OF BLACK STUDIES	5
AAST 319	BLACK PSYCHOLOGY	5
or AAST 320	AFRICAN AMERICAN FAMILY	
or SOWK 320	AFRICAN AMERICAN FAMILY	

Required Electives—choose upper-division AAST from the following: 15

AAST 301	HARLEM RENAISSANCE: RECONSTRUCTION TO 1930
AAST 321	AFRICAN AMERICAN POLITICAL AWARENESS
AAST 322	THE RISE OF MASS INCARCERATION
AAST 323	MEDICAL APARTHEID: EXPLORING MEDICAL EXPERIMENTATION, IMPLICIT BIAS, HEALTH DISPARITY
AAST 324	ECONOMICS OF POVERTY AND DISCRIMINATION
AAST 331	HISTORY AND DYNAMICS OF U.S. SLAVERY
AAST 375	AFRICAN AMERICAN CINEMA: THE CREATION, POWER, & MEANING OF BLACK INDEPENDENT FILM
AAST 381	CONTEMPORARY AFRICAN AMERICAN LITERATURE
AAST 391	THE 1000 MILE DEEP SOUTH CIVIL RIGHTS TOUR
AAST 430	AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMEN'S HISTORY
AAST 481	DR. KING AND MALCOLM X: A COMPARISON

Required Capstone

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ITGS 400	INTERDISCIPLINARY SR CAPSTONE (or another capstone with your advisor's approval)
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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/undergraduate-degree/#newitemtext>)
 Quantitative and Symbolic Reasoning (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/undergraduate-degree/#mathcompproficiencytext>)
 Placement and Clearance (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/placement/>)
 Prior Learning/Sources of Credit AP, CLEP, IB (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/prior-learning/>)

General Education Requirements (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/undergraduate-degree/#generaleducationrequirements>) (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 (BACR)

Humanities and Arts (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/undergraduate-degree/#humanitiesandfineartsgecrtext>)
 Natural Sciences (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/undergraduate-degree/#naturalsciencesgecrtext>)
 Social Sciences (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/undergraduate-degree/#socialsciencesgecrtext>)

University Graduation Requirements (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/undergraduate-degree/#universitygraduationrequirements>) (UGR)

Diversity Course List (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/undergraduate-degree/#cultureandgenderdiversityintheuslisttext>)
 Foreign Language (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/undergraduate-degree/#foreignlanguageugrtext>) (for Bachelor of Arts)
 Global Studies Course List (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/undergraduate-degree/#internationalstudiesrequirementtext>)
 Minor or Certificate (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/undergraduate-degree/#majorminororcertificateugrtext>)
 Senior Capstone Course List (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/undergraduate-degree/#capstonecourselisttext>)

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/undergraduate-degree/#activecatalogruletext>).

Degree Works (<https://inside.ewu.edu/records-and-registration/degree-works/>) calculates based on these two catalog years.

- a. 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).
- b. 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
- 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