

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BACHELOR OF ARTS**  
**COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**  
 THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

For Students Entering the Oklahoma State System for Higher Education:

**Summer 2009 through Spring 2010**

Minimum Credit Hours and Grade Point Averages Required			
Total Hours —	120	Upper-Division Within Total	48
Major Hours —	36		
<b>Grade Point Averages:</b>			
Overall & Major: Combined OU/Transfer - <b>2.00</b> OU - <b>2.00</b>			
<b>48 Upper-Division Hours REQUIRED</b>			

African and  
African-American Studies

**B015**

Bachelor of Arts

**OU encourages students to complete at least 30 hours of applicable coursework each year to have the opportunity to graduate in four years.**

**GENERAL EDUCATION AND COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS**  
**Courses graded P/NP will not apply.**

Courses for fulfillment of General Education and College of Arts & Sciences requirements must be from the approved General Education course list published in the Class Schedule or at <http://www.ou.edu/enrollment/home/>

**University-Wide General Education (minimum 40 hours) and College of Arts and Sciences Requirements**

**Core Area I: Symbolic and Oral Communication** (9-22 hours, 3-6 courses)

- a. **English Composition** (6 hours, 2 courses)
1. English 1113, Principles of English Composition
  2. English 1213, Principles of English Composition, **or** EXPO 1213, Expository Writing
- b. **Foreign Language** (0-13 hours in the same language)  
 The College of Arts and Sciences requirement **cannot be met by high school coursework.**
1. Beginning Course (0-5 hours) \_\_\_\_\_
  2. Beginning Course, continued (0-5 hours) \_\_\_\_\_
- ◆ 3. Intermediate Course (2000 level, 0-3 hours). \_\_\_\_\_  
 One course at the intermediate level or demonstrated competency at that level.
- c. **Mathematics** (3 hours, 1 course). \_\_\_\_\_

**Core Area II: Natural Science** (7 hours, 2 courses) including one laboratory component.

- ◆ **1. Biological Science** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chosen from the following approved General Education designators: BIOL, BOT, HES, MBIO, or ZOO.
- ◆ **2. Physical Science** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chosen from the following approved General Education designators: AGSC, ASTR, CHEM, GEOG, GEOL, GPHY, METR, or PHYS.

**Core Area III: Social Science** (6 hours, 2 courses)

1. Political Science 1113, American Federal Government
2. \_\_\_\_\_

**Core Area IV: Humanities** (18 hours, 6 courses)

- a. **Understanding Artistic Forms** (3 hours, 1 course) \_\_\_\_\_
- b. **Western Civilization and Culture** (6 hours, 2 courses)
1. History 1483, U.S., 1492-1865, **or** History 1493, U.S., 1865-Present,
  2. \_\_\_\_\_ (excluding HIST 1483 and 1493)
- c. **Non-Western Culture** (3 hours, 1 course): \_\_\_\_\_
- d. **Additional Core IV Humanities courses** (6 upper-division hours, 2 courses at the 3000- 4000-level). Must be outside the major and selected from Understanding Artistic Forms, Western Civilization and Culture, or Non-Western Culture.

- ◆ 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- ◆ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

**Core Area V: Senior Capstone Experience** (3 hours, 1 course): \_\_\_\_\_

◆ College of Arts and Sciences Requirements: College requirements are not automatically fulfilled by a previous degree.

**Computer Literacy Requirement** — Students must demonstrate computer proficiency which includes the competent use of a variety of software and networking applications. This requirement may be satisfied by:

1. A high school computer science course that meets curricular requirement; **or**
2. Completion of a college-level course that requires competent use of computing; **or**
3. Completion of a university computer proficiency assessment test.

**Some courses required for the major may also fulfill University General Education and/or College of Arts & Sciences Requirements**

**MAJOR REQUIREMENTS**

- A. AFAM Core**
- AFAM 2003, Intro. to AFAM Studies 3  
 AFAM 2113, Africa & the Diaspora 3  
 HIST 2033, African-Amer. Hist. to 1877 3  
**or**  
 HIST 2043, African-American History since 1877  
 AFAM 3513, Research Methods (or an alternative research course as approved by the Program Director) 3  
 AFAM 4003, Seminar in AFAM Studies (Capstone) 3

**B. One course from each of the three groups listed below — 9 credit hours**

**HISTORICAL ISSUES**

- 3123 West African & AFAM Experiences  
 3313 Social Hist. of Black Military Life  
 3323 Black Mil. Presence in Amer. West  
 3333 Blacks in Oklahoma  
 3643 African Folklore  
 4113 African Civilizations  
 4313 Harlem Renaissance  
 4633 African-Amer. Religious Traditions  
 4733 Civil Rights Law

**CONTEMPORARY SOCIAL ISSUES**

- 2913 Persp. on the Digital Divide  
 3413 African Amer. Educ. in U.S.  
 3423 African American Men  
 3433 African American Women  
 3443 African American Athlete  
 4123 African Politics  
 4143 Contemporary Africa  
 4153 African Youth Culture  
 4413 Issues in AFAM Family  
 4423 African American Health Issues  
 4433 Women of the Diaspora  
 4453 Black/White Relations in America  
 4623 Hip Hop Culture & Cont. America  
 4643 Cont. Black Feminism  
 4713 Afrocentric Thinking & Civil Rights Movement  
 4723 Leadership in AFAM Community

**AESTHETICS**

- 3133 Intro. to African Aesthetics  
 3613 Visual Culture & AFAM Identity  
 4133 Contemporary African Art  
 4213 African Dance  
 4223 African Dance II  
 4233 Blacks & the Movies  
 4323 Afro-Caribbean Prose  
 4613 AFAM Music Traditions

**MAJOR REQUIREMENTS - continued**

**C. Additional Requirements**  
 Twelve credit hours selected from (1) courses not already used in Category B; (2) courses listed below; or (3) courses approved by the Program Director.

- AFAM 4010, Special Topics in AFAM  
 AFAM 4990, Independent Study  
 ENGL 2713, Black Literature in U.S.  
 HIST 2033, African-Amer. Hist. to 1877\*  
 HIST 2043, African-American History since 1877\*  
 HIST 2713, Survey of African Civiliz.  
 JMC 4853, Race, Gender, Media  
 SOC 3803, Inequality in a Global Perspective

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\*If HIST 2033 or 2043 is used to satisfy a Category A (Core) requirement, it may not also be used as a major elective.

**NOTES:**

A maximum of 9 hours of AFAM 4010 will apply toward the degree program.

A maximum of 6 hours of AFAM 4990 will apply toward the degree program.

It is highly recommended that students complete both HIST 2033 and 2043.

**Free Electives**

Electives to bring total applicable hours to 120 including 48 upper-division hours.

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## INFORMATION CONCERNING GENERAL RULES, REGULATIONS AND MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

**TOTAL HOURS:** A minimum of 120 semester hours acceptable toward graduation must be completed.

**UPPER-DIVISION HOURS:** A minimum of 48 upper-division semester hours acceptable toward graduation must be completed. OU courses numbered 3000 or above are upper-division. Transfer work is counted as lower-division or upper-division credit depending on the level at which it was offered at the institution where it was earned. Two-year college work is accepted only as lower-division credit.

**ARTS AND SCIENCES HOURS:** At least 80 semester hours of liberal arts and sciences courses are required for a BA degree. At least 55 semester hours of liberal arts and sciences courses are required for a BS degree.

**MAJOR WORK:** A minimum of 30 semester hours must be earned in the major, including a minimum of 15 credit hours at the upper-division level.

**PASS/NO PASS ENROLLMENT:** A maximum of 16 semester hours of free elective credit may be attempted under this option.

**INDIVIDUAL STUDIES (e.g., courses titled "Independent Study"):** A maximum of 12 total semester hours may be counted toward graduation, excluding Honors Reading and Honors Research.

**P.E. COURSES:** No physical education activity courses will be counted toward the 120 semester hours of acceptable credit for graduation.

**SENIOR INSTITUTION HOURS:** A minimum of 60 semester hours applied toward graduation must be earned at senior (4-year) institutions.

**RESIDENCY:**

- At least 15 of the final 30 hours applied toward the degree or at least 50 percent of the hours required by the institution in the major field must be satisfactorily completed at the awarding institution.
- At least 15 semester hours of upper-division major work must be completed in residence at OU.
- OU correspondence courses are **not** considered resident credit.
- Credits earned via examination are neither resident nor nonresident credit.

**GRADE POINT AVERAGES:** Students must earn a minimum overall 2.00 for each of the following: Combined Retention GPA (all college grades), OU Retention GPA, GPA for all major courses, and GPA for all major courses taken at OU. Some schools and departments of the College have higher minimum grade point averages required for their students.

**SPECIAL DEGREES:** Students may qualify for an Honors degree (cum Laude, Magna cum Laude, or Summa cum Laude) by completing specific requirements of the Honors College. A degree will be earned with Distinction if the student completes at least 60 semester hours at OU with at least a 3.60 combined retention GPA and OU retention GPA. A degree will be earned with Special Distinction if the student completes at least 60 semester hours at OU with at least a 3.90 combined retention GPA and OU retention GPA.

**APPLICATION FOR GRADUATION:** Students must apply for graduation during the term in which they complete their degree requirements in order to graduate in that term. Application forms are available from the College of Arts and Sciences Academic Services office, Ellison Hall, Room 124. The deadline for completion of all coursework to graduate in a particular term is the last day of classes in that term.

**Refer to the OU General Catalog for more complete information.**

### Suggested Semester Plan of Study — African and African American Studies - B015

This plan shows one possible grouping of courses that would allow students to graduate in four years. Please refer to the front of the degree checklist for official requirements. Students must consult with College of Arts and Sciences and/or Department of African and African American Studies academic advisers to verify that courses selected each semester fulfill the recommended plan and satisfy university, College of Arts and Sciences, and African and African American Studies major requirements.

Year	FIRST SEMESTER	Hours	SECOND SEMESTER	Hours
<b>FRESHMAN</b>	AFAM 2003, Intro. to AFAM Studies (Core IV, Non-Western Culture)	3	AFAM 2113, Africa & the Diaspora	3
	ENGL 1113, Principles of English Composition (Core I)	3	ENGL 1213, Principles of English Composition (Core I), <b>or</b>	3
	P SC 1113, American Federal Government (Core III)	3	EXPO 1213, Expository Writing (Core I)	
	MATH (Core I)	3	HIST 1483, United States 1492-1865, <b>or</b>	3
	Understanding Artistic Forms (Core IV)	3	1493, United States 1865-Present (Core IV)	
			Social Science (Core III)	3
		Natural Science without lab (Core II)	3	
	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>SOPHOMORE</b>	HIST 2033, African-Amer. Hist. to 1877, <b>or</b>	3	AFAM Additional Requirement (AFAM 2913 is recommended to fulfill computer literacy requirement)	3
	2043, African-American History since 1877 (Core IV, West. Civ.)		Beginning Foreign Language continued (Core I)	5
	Beginning Foreign Language (Core I)	5	Free Elective, lower-division	3
	Natural Science with lab (Core II)	4	Free Elective, lower-division	3
	Free Elective, lower-division	3	Free Elective, lower-division	3
	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>JUNIOR</b>	AFAM 3513, Research Methods	3	AFAM Aesthetics course, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
	AFAM Historical Issues course, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	AFAM Additional Requirement	3
	AFAM Contemporary Social Issues course, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen. Ed.)	3
	Intermediate Foreign Language	3	AFAM Additional Requirement, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
	Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen. Ed.)	3	AFAM Additional Requirement, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>SENIOR</b>	Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	AFAM 4003, Seminar in AFAM Studies (Capstone)	3
	Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	Free Elective, lower- or upper-division	3
	Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	Free Elective, lower- or upper-division	3
	Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
	Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>

\*If deficient in computer literacy, contact your college academic counselor in the Hobson Academic Services Center, ELLH 124, 325-4411, for approved courses.

**Bachelor's degrees require a minimum of 48 hours of upper-division (3000-4000) coursework.**

This plan of study should not be used in lieu of academic advisement.

Students who transfer from other institutions (particularly community colleges) must verify credit hour and course requirements with their college academic counselor, ELLH 124, 325-4411, <http://ou.edu/cas>.

Please make an appointment for a degree check with your college academic counselor once you have earned 90 hours. Appointments may be scheduled at <https://iadvise.ou.edu/>.