

2025 - 2026 Old Dominion University Catalog

Bachelor of Arts (BA) in African American & African Studies

Sample four year curriculum with a suggested ordering of courses. Students may re-order as needed.

** indicates not automatically waived with transferrable associates degree, C or better required for transfer.*

*Courses in **green** are waived by the completion of any transferrable Associate degree (Not eligible for Applied Associate degrees).*

YEAR 1 - FRESHMAN (30 CREDITS)			
FALL SEMESTER (15 credits)	<u>VCCS Equivalency:</u>	SPRING SEMESTER (15 credits)	<u>VCCS Equivalency:</u>
ENGL 110C (Grade of C or better required)	ENG 111*	Literature	Transfer Guide
Human Creativity	Transfer Guide	STAT 130M	MTH 146 / 155 / 157 / 240 / 241 / 242 / 245*
Language & Culture I	Transfer Guide	Language & Culture II	Transfer Guide
Oral Communication	Transfer Guide	Human Behavior (AAST 1005 may not be used)	Transfer Guide
AAST 100S	HUM 220*	HIST 105H (Satisfies Interpreting the Past)	HIS 203 or 204*
YEAR 2 - SOPHOMORE (32 CREDITS)			
FALL SEMESTER (16 credits)	<u>VCCS Equivalency:</u>	SPRING SEMESTER (16 credits)	<u>VCCS Equivalency:</u>
ENGL 211C or 231C (Grade of C or better required)	ENG 112 / 113 / 115 / 131*	Information Literacy & Research (may be met in major by POLS 308)	Transfer Guide
Nature of Science I	Transfer Guide	Nature of Science II	Transfer Guide
Language & Culture III	Transfer Guide	Language & Culture IV	Transfer Guide
AAST 320 or POLS 308 or SOC 337		Philosophy & Ethics	Transfer Guide
3-credit elective course****		Impact of Technology	Transfer Guide
YEAR 3 - JUNIOR (30 CREDITS)			
FALL SEMESTER (15 credits)		SPRING SEMESTER (15 credits)	
<u>Major Coursework:</u>	<u>VCCS Equivalency:</u>	<u>Major Coursework:</u>	<u>VCCS Equivalency:</u>
SOC 320		AAST 410	
AAST 420W (Grade of C or better required)		Approved 300-/400-level Social Science**	
Approved 300-/400-level Social Science**		Approved 300-/400-level Humanities**	
Approved 300-/400-level Humanities**		<u>Upper Division Gen. Ed. Coursework:</u> ***	
<u>Upper Division Gen. Ed. Coursework:</u> ***		300-/400-level course in minor subject	
300-/400-level course in minor subject		<u>Elective Coursework:</u> ****	
		3-credit elective course	
YEAR 4 - SENIOR (28 CREDITS)			
FALL SEMESTER (15 credits)		SPRING SEMESTER (13 credits)	
<u>Major Coursework:</u>	<u>VCCS Equivalency:</u>	<u>Major Coursework:</u>	<u>VCCS Equivalency:</u>
Approved 300-/400-level African Studies**		AAST 490	
<u>Upper Division Gen. Ed. Coursework:</u> ***		Approved 300-/400-level African Studies**	
300-/400-level course in minor subject		<u>Upper Division Gen. Ed. Coursework:</u> ***	
3-credit elective course****		300-/400-level course in minor subject	
3-credit elective course****		<u>Elective Coursework:</u> ****	
3-credit elective course****		One 1-credit and 3-credit elective courses	

If POLS 308 is taken to satisfy Information Literacy & Research requirement, then a 3-credit elective course may be taken instead.

***Students must earn 12 credits in upper-division humanities and social science courses related to African American studies. Six credit hours of 300/400 level courses must be from the social sciences and six credit hours from the humanities. In addition, students majoring in African American and African Studies must earn six credit hours in African Studies courses. Consult catalog and your advisor for course options.*

****Upper Division General Education may be satisfied by several options. Consult your catalog and advisor for your best option.*

Graduation requirements include a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.00 overall and in the major, 120 credit hours, which must include both a minimum of 30 credit hours overall and 12 credit hours of upper-level courses in the major program from Old Dominion University, completion of ENGL 110C, ENGL 211C or ENGL 221C or ENGL 231C, and the writing intensive (W) course in the major with a grade of C or better, and completion of Senior Assessment.

This four-year plan is a suggested curriculum to complete this degree program in four years. It is just one of several plans that will work and is presented only as broad guidance to students. Each student is strongly encouraged to develop a customized plan in consultation with their academic advisor. Additional information can also be found in Degree Works.