African American Studies (AAS) is an academic discipline that investigates cultural and humanistic experiences while questioning global issues from an Afrocentric perspective. The results of which are a better educated and more tolerant academic community, which will ultimately celebrate and build upon the work and accomplishments of all people.

While the reach of the discipline goes far beyond the classroom, the primary purpose of African American Studies is to provide the academic world with a new lens through which to discover the beauty of all human beings and to acknowledge and celebrate — not simply tolerate — the gifts we all can offer, regardless of cultural world views and differences.
EARN AN AAS MINOR

Because African American Studies is truly interdisciplinary, the AAS minor pairs well with any major offered on campus.

REQUIRED COURSES (12 CR.)
- AAS 100 – Intro to African American Studies
- AAS 260 – Distinguished Figureheads of African Descent
- AAS/ENG 219 – African American Literature
- AAS/HIST 385 – African American History

ELECTIVE COURSES (9 CR.)
- Students choose from a list of approved electives

OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN THE AAS PROGRAM

LEARN
- One-on-one interaction with professors
- Wide range of electives
- New and engaging classes

CONNECT
- African American Studies Club
- Divine Voices of the Valley Gospel Choir
- Black Student Union (BSU)
- National Council of Black Studies (NCBS) Student Membership
- Black History Month planning and events

GROW
- Undergraduate research
- Community outreach
- Mentorship opportunities

QUESTIONS? LET’S CHAT.

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