

# BACHELOR OF ARTS IN AFRICANA STUDIES

Students majoring in Africana Studies are required to complete a program consisting of core courses and electives with emphases in the areas of the humanities and behavioral and social sciences. The core courses (30 units) provide students with an appreciation of the historical development and intellectual foundation of the discipline as well as the critical knowledge base, intellectual skills, and methodological techniques essential to the field of Africana Studies. The courses offered in the emphases (9 units each) allow the student to gain a deeper intellectual grasp of the field within one of two important emphases. The two emphases are the Africana Humanities emphasis and the Africana Behavioral and Social Sciences emphasis.

## Program Learning Outcomes

- Facilitates student analysis and knowledge of the conceptual approaches and tools of inquiry best suited to explore, explain, describe, and advance the lived experience(s) of Africana peoples;
- Conduct critical, scientific research on issues of relevance to Africana peoples;
- Creatively and critically evaluate issues that Africana-identified people experience in unique and common ways;
- Apply, analyze, and encourage teachers', students' and alumni sharing of Africana Studies' curricular outcomes, knowledge and research with community stakeholders, organizations as well as actively engage in service learning projects;
- Synthesize a core curriculum concerning how people of African descent have demonstrated resilience: consciously shaping and reshaping their environments over time and in the present, while meeting challenges, achieving goals, and resisting oppression;
- Demonstrate and evaluate specialized learning and competencies necessary in professions in which they will encounter people of African descent;
- Analyze the diversities of Black experiences as a window to fully comprehend the American experience, and thus, the *human* experience.

## Africana Studies (B.A.) – 39 units

The Bachelor of Arts in Africana Studies includes core courses (30 units) and an area of emphasis (9 units).

How GWAR is satisfied in the Africana Studies major: ETHS 300GW Writing in Ethnic Studies - GWAR or other approved GWAR course. The writing requirement units are not included in total units for the major.

### Core Requirements (30 units)

Code	Title	Units
AFRS 101	Introduction to Africana Studies	3
AFRS 200	Introduction to Black Psychology	3
AFRS 210	Introduction to Africana Literature	3
AFRS 266	Black Online: Cyberspace, Culture, and Community	3
AFRS 300	From Africa to Olmec America: Ancient African Prehistory and History	3
AFRS 303	African American History	3
AFRS 345	Blacks in Urban America	3

AFRS 375	Law and the Black Community	3
AFRS 515	Black Family Studies	3
AFRS 516	Research Methods	3

### Areas of Emphasis (9 units)

Select 9 units on advisement from one area below.

**Note:** A minimum of 30 upper-division units must be completed for the degree (including upper-division units required for the major, general education, electives, etc.). A student can complete this major yet not attain the necessary number of upper-division units required for graduation. In this case, additional upper-division courses will be needed to reach the required total.

#### Africana Humanities Emphasis

Code	Title	Units
AFRS 201	Kemet, Afrocentricity, and the Dawn of Science	3
AFRS 204	Black Creative Arts	3
AFRS 208	Introduction to African American History	3
AFRS 213	Science and Spirituality in Ancient Africa	3
AFRS 221	African American Music: A 20th Century Survey	3
AFRS 230	African American Gospel Workshop	3
AFRS 302	Black Diaspora	3
AFRS 305	Ancient Egypt	3
AFRS 326	Black Religion	3
AFRS 400	Black Arts and Humanities	3
AFRS 411	African and African American Literature	3
AFRS 551	Applied Africana Studies	3
AFRS 525	Black Child Development	3
AFRS 665	Black Journalism	3

#### Africana Behavioral and Social Sciences Emphasis

Code	Title	Units
AFRS 100	General Studies Colloquium	3
AFRS 111	Black Cultures and Personalities	3
AFRS 125	Black Community Involvement Workshop	3
AFRS 202	Black Men's Studies	3
AFRS 215	Introduction to Black Family Studies	3
AFRS 256	Hip Hop Workshop	3
AFRS 290	Malcolm X in the Context of Black Nationalism	3
AFRS 320	Black Politics, Mass Movements, and Liberation Themes	3
AFRS 335	The Black Woman: A Cultural Analysis	3
AFRS/AIS 350/ LTNS 355	Black Indians in the Americas	3
AFRS 370	Health, Medicine, and Nutrition in the Black Community	3
AFRS 376	Government, the Constitution, and Black Citizens	3
AFRS 401	Pan African Black Psychology: A North American, South American, and Caribbean Comparison	3
AFRS 646	Frantz Fanon's Psychology of Violence, Negation, and Liberation	3
AFRS 660	Civil Rights Movement and Education	3
AFRS 678	Urban Issues of Black Children and Youth	3
AFRS 705	Seminar in Africana Studies	3

## Complementary Studies

Students completing a Bachelor of Arts in Africana Studies must complete twelve units in complementary studies in courses bearing a prefix other than AFRS or courses cross-listed with AFRS. These units may be in

- a language other than English;
- one course from each AA S, AFRS, LTNS, and RRS;
- four courses from one prefix: AA S or AFRS or LTNS or RRS;
- a minor or certificate;
- units earned in a study abroad program; or
- a coherent group of courses complementary to the major.

With the approval of an advisor in the major, courses which fulfill the complementary studies requirement may be lower or upper-division units, resident or transfer units.

## General Education Requirements

Requirement	Course Level	Units	Area Designation
Oral Communication	LD	3	A1
Written English Communication	LD	3	A2
Critical Thinking	LD	3	A3
Physical Science	LD	3	B1
Life Science	LD	3	B2
Lab Science	LD	1	B3
Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning	LD	3	B4
Arts	LD	3	C1
Humanities	LD	3	C2
Arts or Humanities	LD	3	C1 or C2
Social Sciences	LD	3	D1
Social Sciences: US History	LD	3	D2
Lifelong Learning and Self-Development (LLD)	LD	3	E
Ethnic Studies	LD	3	F
Physical and/or Life Science	UD	3	UD-B
Arts and/or Humanities	UD	3	UD-C
Social Sciences	UD	3	UD-D
<b>SF State Studies</b>			
Courses certified as meeting the SF State Studies requirements may be upper or lower division in General Education (GE), a major or minor, or an elective.			
American Ethnic and Racial Minorities	LD or UD	3	AERM
Environmental Sustainability	LD or UD	3	ES

Global Perspectives	LD or UD	3	GP
Social Justice	LD or UD	3	SJ

Note: LD = Lower-Division; UD = Upper-Division.

## First-Time Student Roadmap (4 Year)

- The roadmaps presented in this Bulletin are intended as suggested plans of study and do not replace meeting with an advisor. For a more personalized roadmap, please use the Degree Planner (<https://registrar.sfsu.edu/degreeplanner/>) tool found in your [Student Center](#).
- In order to choose your English Composition A2 course and your QR/Math B4 course, please complete the online advising activities at [writingadvising.sfsu.edu](https://writingadvising.sfsu.edu) (<https://writingadvising.sfsu.edu>) and [mathadvising.sfsu.edu](https://mathadvising.sfsu.edu). Questions? Contact Gator Smart Start (<https://gatorsmartstart.sfsu.edu>).

[First-Time Student Roadmap](http://bulletin.sfsu.edu/colleges/ethnic-studies/africana-studies/ba-africana-studies/roadmap-i-ii-eng/) (<http://bulletin.sfsu.edu/colleges/ethnic-studies/africana-studies/ba-africana-studies/roadmap-i-ii-eng/>)

## SF State Scholars

The San Francisco State Scholars program provides undergraduate students with an accelerated pathway to a graduate degree. Students in this program pursue a bachelor's and master's degree simultaneously. This program allows students to earn graduate credit while in their junior and/or senior year, reducing the number of semesters required for completion of a master's degree.

SF State Scholars Roadmap (<http://bulletin.sfsu.edu/colleges/ethnic-studies/africana-studies/ba-africana-studies/scholars-roadmap/>)

## Transfer Student Roadmap (2 Year)

For students with an AA-T in **Social Justice Studies**.

[SJS ADT Roadmap](http://bulletin.sfsu.edu/colleges/ethnic-studies/africana-studies/ba-africana-studies/adt-roadmap/) (<http://bulletin.sfsu.edu/colleges/ethnic-studies/africana-studies/ba-africana-studies/adt-roadmap/>)

## This degree program is an approved pathway (“similar” major) for students earning the ADT in Social Justice Studies

California legislation SB 1440 (2009) mandated the creation of the Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) to be awarded by the California Community Colleges. Two types of ADTs are awarded: Associate in Arts for Transfer (AA-T) and Associate in Science for Transfer (AS-T).

Note: no specific degree is required for admission as an upper-division student. However, the ADT includes specific guarantees related to admission and graduation and is designed to clarify the transfer process and strengthen lower-division preparation for the major.

An ADT totals 60 units and in most cases includes completion of all lower-division General Education requirements and at least 18 units in a specific major. (The Biology, Chemistry, and Environmental Science AS-T degrees defer 3 units in lower-division GE area C and 3 units in lower-division GE area D until after transfer.) Students pursuing an ADT are guaranteed admission to the CSU if minimum eligibility requirements are met, though not necessarily to the CSU campus of primary choice.

Upon verification that the ADT has been awarded prior to matriculation at SF State, students are guaranteed B.A. or B.S. completion in 60 units if pursuing a "similar" major after transfer. Determinations about "similar" majors at SF State are made by faculty in the discipline.

Degree completion in 60 units cannot be guaranteed when a student simultaneously pursues an additional major, a minor, certificate, or credential.

A sample advising roadmap for students who have earned an ADT and continue in a "similar" major at SF State is available on the Roadmaps tab on the degree requirements page for the major. The roadmap displays:

- How many lower-division units required for the major have been completed upon entry based on the award of a specific ADT;
- Which lower-division requirements are considered complete upon entry based on the award of a specific ADT;
- How to complete the remaining 60 units for the degree in four semesters.

Students who have earned an ADT should seek advising in the major department during the first semester of attendance.

## General Advising Information for Transfer Students

- a. Before transfer, complete as many lower-division requirements or electives for this major as possible.
- b. The following courses are not required for admission but are required for graduation. Students are strongly encouraged to complete these units before transfer; doing so will provide more flexibility in course selection after transfer.
  - a course in U.S. History
  - a course in U.S. & California Government

For information about satisfying the requirements described in (1) and (2) above at a California Community College (CCC), please visit <http://www.assist.org> (<http://assist.org>). Check any geographically accessible CCCs; sometimes options include more than one college. Use ASSIST to determine:

- Which courses at a CCC satisfy any lower-division major requirements for this major;
- Which courses at a CCC satisfy CSU GE, US History, and US & CA Government requirements.

Remedial courses are not transferable and do not apply to the minimum 60 semester units/90 quarter units required for admission.

Additional units for courses that are repeated do not apply to the minimum 60 units required for upper-division transfer (for example, if a course was not passed on the first attempt or was taken to earn a better grade).

Before leaving the last California Community College of attendance, obtain a summary of completion of lower-division General Education units (IGETC or CSU GE Breadth). This is often referred to as a GE certification worksheet. SF State does not require delivery of this certification to Admissions, but students should retain this document for verifying degree progress after transfer.

Credit for Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, or College-Level Examination Program courses: AP/IB/CLEP credit is

not automatically transferred from the previous institution. Units are transferred only when an official score report is delivered to SF State. Credit is based on the academic year during which exams were taken. Refer to the University Bulletin in effect during the year of AP/IB/CLEP examination(s) for details regarding the award of credit for AP/IB/CLEP.

Students pursuing majors in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) disciplines often defer 6-9 units of lower-division General Education in Areas C and D until after transfer to focus on preparation courses for the major. This advice does not apply to students pursuing associate degree completion before transfer.

## Transferring From Institutions Other Than CCCs or CSUs

Review SF State's lower-division General Education requirements. Note that, as described below, the four basic skills courses required for admission meet A1, A2, A3, and B4 in the SF State GE pattern. Courses that fulfill the remaining areas of SF State's lower-division GE pattern are available at most two-year and four-year colleges and universities.

Of the four required basic skills courses, a course in critical thinking (A3) may not be widely offered outside the CCC and CSU systems. Students should attempt to identify and take an appropriate course no later than the term of application to the CSU. To review more information about the A3 requirement, please visit [bulletin.sfsu.edu/undergraduate-education/general-education/lower-division/#AAEL](http://bulletin.sfsu.edu/undergraduate-education/general-education/lower-division/#AAEL).

Waiting until after transfer to take a single course at SF State that meets both US and CA/local government requirements may be an appropriate option, particularly if transferring from outside of California.