Students who wish to gain knowledge and understanding of the history, social organization, current status, and problems of African Americans and of their contributions to the American heritage may elect a combined major in African and African American studies together with a major in anthropology, economics, history, philosophy, political science, psychology, sociology, or social welfare. With careful advising, a combined major of African and African American studies and majors other than those listed may be developed to meet student needs.

Requirements for a Major in African-American Studies: 18 hours in AAST courses in addition to the requirements for the combined departmental major, including:

- HIST 3233 African-American History to 1877
- HIST 3243 African-American History since 1877
- ANTH 4583 Peoples and Cultures of Sub-Saharan Africa

The remaining nine hours to be selected from the following recommended courses:

- ANTH 4513 African Religions: Gods, Witches, and Ancestors
- HIST 3443 Modern Imperialism
- HIST 3253 The History of Sub-Saharan Africa
- HIST 4563 The Old South 1607-1865
- HIST 4573 The New South, 1860 to Present
- SOCI 3043 Contemporary Caribbean
- SOCI 4073 Peoples of East Africa (SOCI 2013)
- SOCI 4123 Black Ghetto (SOCI 2013)
- WLIT 4993 African Literature
- Special Topics/Special Studies – with approval from AAST adviser

No course can be counted both for African and African American Studies and the departmental major.