The requirements for African American and African Studies majors are outlined below. With the permission of the program director, courses not listed below may be approved as substitutions to fulfill program requirements.

**Core Requirement courses (18 hours)**

- HIST 105H Interpreting the African Past 3
- AAST 100S Intro to African Am Studies 3
- AAST 410 Africana Intellectual Thought and Economic Development 3
- AAST 420W African Am. Political and Social Thought 3
- AAST 320 Intro. to Research Methods 3
- or POLS 308 or SOC 337 Research Methods+ 3
- AAST 490 Senior Seminar 3

Students pursuing a B.A. will be able to select an appropriate research methods class in conjunction with the program director.

**UPPER-DIVISION ELECTIVES (B.A. and B.S., 15 credit hours, 300 and 400 level courses)**

Students majoring in African American and African Studies must earn a minimum of 15 credit hours 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. The remaining three hours must be taken in either the humanities or social sciences depending upon whether the student is enrolled in the B.A. (humanities) or B.S. (social sciences) program. Courses may be selected from among those listed by category below. No more than two courses from any one discipline may be taken in any category. With the permission of the program director, courses not listed below may be approved as substitutions to fulfill program requirements.

**UPPER-DIVISION HUMANITIES COURSES:**

- AAST 395, 396 Topics in African American Studies 3
- COMM 434 African-American Rhetoric Voices of Lib. 3
- DANC 391 African-American Perspectives in Dance 3
- ENGL 465W African American Literature 3
- HIST 361 African-American History to 1865 3
- HIST 362 African-American History Since 1865 3
- HIST 455 African-American Thought and Economic Development 3
- MUSC 460 History of Jazz 3
- HIST 475 History of Modern Africa 3
- WMST 302W Dimensions of Diversity: Int. Among Women 3
- AAST 368 Internship 3

**UPPER-DIVISION SOCIAL SCIENCE COURSES:**

- AAST 310 Human Rights and Social Change in Africa 3
- AAST 395, 396 Topics in African American Studies 3
- CRJS 452 Diversity in Criminal Justice Organizations 3
- or POLS 452 Diversity in Criminal Justice Organizations 3
- POLS 412 Politics of the Civil Rights Movement 3
- POLS 316 Politics of Africa 3
- POLS 309 Race, Culture and Public Policy 3
- POLS 451 African Americans and Foreign Affairs 3
- PSYC 460 Psychology of African Americans 3
- SOC 323 Sociology of Minority Families 3
- SOC 426 The Sociology of Minority Groups 3
SOC 444 or CRJS 444 Community Justice 3
GEOG 452 Africa 3
AAST 368 Internship 3

**African Studies (300/400 level electives—6 credit hours)**
Select two:
AAST 305 Africa in Transition 3
POLS 316 Politics of Africa 3
HIST 475 History of Modern Africa 3
AAST 310 Human Rights and Social Change in Africa 3

Courses taken in this category cannot duplicate upper-division social sciences and humanities courses taken to fulfill program requirements. At the discretion of the program director, substitutions may be approved to satisfy this requirement. The course options in this category will be expanded and/or modified as they become available.

**UPPER DIVISION GENERAL EDUCATION**
Option A. Approved Minor, 12-24 hours; also second degree or second major
Option B. Interdisciplinary Minor; 12 hours specified by the department, 3 of which can be in the major
Option C. International business and regional courses or an approved certification program, such as teaching licensure
Option D. Two Upper-Division Courses from outside the College of Arts and Letters or from the Arts and Humanities Component within the College of Arts and Letters that are not required by the major (6 hours). AAST courses and any course listed as an elective choice for the major cannot be used to meet this 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 221C or 231C, and the writing intensive (W) course in the major with a grade of C or better, and completion of Senior Assessment.