A. African and African American Studies Major

Requirements

To fulfill the requirements of the African American and African Studies (AAS) interdisciplinary major, students must complete nine courses (totaling 29 credit hours)

All majors must complete AAS 1010 and AAS 1020 and receive with a grade of C or above in both courses. Additionally, all students must complete seven additional courses (totaling 21 credit hours). The basic requirements for these seven courses are as follows:

- All seven courses must either be in the department (with the course prefix AAS) or be on the list of AAS-approved courses offered in other departments. The department lists the courses in other departments that can count toward the major on its website at: http://woodson.as.virginia.edu/course-descriptions
- Three of these courses must be at the 3000 level or above
- One of these courses must focus on Africa
- One of these courses must be a seminar (minimum 3 credits) at or above the 4000 level and must include a 20-page research paper

The seven courses must be distributed as follows:
- One course (3 credits) must focus on race and politics in the U.S. (either an AAS course or a course on the list of AAS-approved courses)
- One course (3 credits) must be in the humanities (either an AAS course in the humanities or a course selected from the list of AAS-approved courses in the following departments: Art History, Drama, English, French, Media Studies, Music, Philosophy, Religious Studies)
- One course (3 credits) must be in the social sciences or history (either an AAS course in social science or history or a course selected from the list of AAS-approved courses in the following departments: American Studies, Anthropology, Economics, Linguistics, Politics, Psychology, Sociology, Women, Gender & Sexuality)
- Three courses (9 credits) of electives (any AAS courses or AAS-approved courses in other departments)
- One 4000-level seminar (3 credits) that requires a 20-page research paper

Other Requirements

- No more than 6 transfer credits from relevant study abroad may count toward the AAS major wishing to apply courses taken abroad to the major must receive advance written permission of from the AAS Director of Undergraduate Programs
- Double majors can apply no more than 11 credits in another major toward the AAS major. All of these courses must be on the list of AAS-approved courses
- AAS 4993 (Independent Study) does not meet the 4000-level seminar requirement. Students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 to qualify to enroll in AAS 4993; students may petition the AAS Curriculum Committee to make exceptions by submitting a petition form found on the AAS website, but exceptions are granted only in exceptional circumstances. Only one independent study can count toward the AAS major and it must count as an elective.
- All majors must maintain a major GPA of 2.0 or higher (which includes all courses taken toward the major)