

DISTINGUISHED MAJORS PROGRAM

AFRICAN-AMERICAN AND AFRICAN STUDIES

APPLICATION FORM

The Distinguished Majors Program in African-American and African Studies affords qualified students the opportunity to do advanced research culminating in a thesis, and to receive, at graduation, the honor of "Distinction," "High Distinction," or "Highest Distinction." Third-year students with a superior academic record are encouraged to apply.

NAME: _____ **Date Of Application:** ____/____/____

Phone: _____ **E-Mail** _____ **# of Semesters Completed to Date:** _____

GPA: 1) overall: _____ **2) in African-American and African Studies:** _____

List all courses taken thus far that count toward the AAS major. List any other courses that you think have further prepared you for the Distinguished Majors Program:

1.	grade:	8.	grade:
2.	grade:	9.	grade:
3.	grade:	10.	grade:
4.	grade:	11.	grade:
5.	grade:	12.	grade:
6.	grade:	13.	grade:
7.	grade:	14.	grade:

Requirements of the Distinguished Majors Program

Entry into the program

1. Third-year students are eligible to apply for the program if they have achieved an average of **3.40** in all course work prior to application for the program.
2. The applicant must obtain the agreement of a **thesis supervisor**. The supervisor can be any fulltime faculty member who teaches courses that count toward the AAS major. The supervisor must agree to direct the thesis research in the fall and spring semesters of the applicant's fourth year. Please indicate the name of the faculty member who has agreed to work with you:

3. The applicant must obtain another faculty member's agreement to serve as **second reader**. The second reader must be a fulltime academic or general faculty member who teaches courses at UVA. This agreement must be secured by September 30th. If you have already obtained the agreement of a second reader, indicate his/her name below:

4. In addition to this application form, please submit a one-page **proposal** describing your thesis topic and research plan, plus a list of five-to-ten relevant sources.
5. Application should be made to the **DMP Director** and copied to the **AAS DUP** by **March 15**. *Please visit our website (<https://woodson.as.virginia.edu>) to find the names and email addresses for the current DMP and DUP.*

Requirements for completion of the program

1. Satisfaction of all College requirements as stated in the Undergraduate Record with an overall GPA of at least 3.40
2. Fulfillment of all the requirements for the normal AAS major.
3. At least 3.0 credits of coursework must be successfully completed at or above the 4000 level *in addition to* the 4000-level seminar required of all AAS majors and the fall and spring DMP thesis seminars (AAS 4070 and AAS 4080). The remaining required credits at the 4000 level or higher must be courses that are approved to count toward the AAS major, though they need not be courses that would fill the 4000-level seminar requirement. Students who wish to count a 4000-level course that is not focused on Africana Studies for this requirement will have to demonstrate how such a course would support the student's thesis project through the submission of a petition form, which can be found on the Woodson website ([AAS Petition Form](#)). This request will be considered for approval by the AAS Curriculum Committee.
4. Participants must register for 3 credits of AAS 4070 (Directed Research) with the DMP Director in the first semester. In the second semester, students register for AAS 4080 (Thesis) with their advisor.
5. Participants must attend five workshops led by the DMP Director over the course of the year. Prior to each workshop, students will circulate electronic versions of their drafts and prepare feedback on one another's work. The DMP Director will inform all thesis supervisors of the workshop schedule and assignment deadlines. The workshops are highlighted below:
 - Fall Week 4: Written prospectus and bibliography.
 - Fall Week 9: Outlines for all parts of the thesis
 - Fall Week 13: 10-15 written pages
 - Spring Week 9: Rough draft of the entire thesis.
 - Spring Week 13: Revised draft of thesis
 - Last day of class instruction: Submit corrected final copy
6. In addition to the five DMP workshops, every DMP student must attend, and actively participate in, at least one of the Woodson Fellows' workshops. The DMP Director will help the student select the most appropriate workshop and will make the necessary arrangements for the student to attend.
7. The thesis should be approximately 40 pages in length. Final copies must be submitted to the thesis supervisor, the second reader, and the DMP Director no later than the last day of spring semester classes for Spring graduation, May 20 for August graduation, and Nov 20 for December graduation.