

African American Studies

Adult Education at Guilford College

African American Studies celebrates the achievements of Africans and peoples of African descent throughout the Diaspora while addressing their pursuit of justice, equality, and self-determination. The major focuses on North America while encompassing Africa, the Caribbean, and other parts of the world. It seeks to prepare students to become agents of change who will pursue social justice and promote an appreciation of racial and cultural differences in the United States and the wider world. African American Studies helps prepare students for a wide range of careers in such fields as human relations, social work, sports management, health care, criminal justice, education, management, and law.

The Degree Program

The Bachelor of Arts degree is offered in African American Studies. African American Studies is an interdisciplinary major that requires students to have a second major in a discipline and an advisor in both the disciplinary major and African American Studies.

Required Courses

The major requires at least eight courses (32 credit hours), and no more than two of these courses may be at the 100 level.

- **Historical Dimensions:** HIST 225: African American History
- **Creative Voices:** Choose one (1):
 - ENGL 230: African American Literature
 - ENGL 331: Black Women Writers
 - ENGL 332: Black Men Writers
- **Theoretical Frameworks:** Choose one (1):
 - PSY 242: Psychology of African Americans
 - PSY 349: Multiculturalism and Psychology
 - SOAN 265: Racial and Ethnic Relations
- **African Connections:** at least one (1), but no more than three (3) courses about Africa
- **Practical Applications:** a one-semester advanced internship or independent study in the senior year, supervised by a faculty member teaching regularly in the African American Studies program

Internship Opportunities

Students may elect to complete an internship under the supervision of a faculty member in this department and receive credit for the experience. Such internships give majors the “hands-on” experience which is so necessary in this field. Among locations where African American Studies majors have completed internships are the following:

- Guilford College Multicultural Resource Center
- African Services Coalition
- Beloved Community Center
- Guilford County District Attorney’s Office
- NC Department of Juvenile Justice
- Triad Health Project
- YWCA Teen Parent Mentor Program

Possible Career Choices

Students majoring in African American Studies have gone on to pursue careers in human resources, counseling, research, teaching, the professorate, criminal justice, business, law, social work, sports, and public service.

Faculty

Carolyn Beard Whitlow, Charles A. Dana Professor of English; cbeardwh@guilford.edu

Why Enroll in Guilford College's Adult Degree Programs?

- least complicated and lowest cost application
- most convenient location on W. Friendly Ave. with easy access from I-40, Bryan Boulevard, and Rtes. 29 & 68
- most convenient schedule (full-time, 2 nights a week or Saturdays only)
- lowest total cost full-time adult degree programs
- transfer credits never expire
- evening-only programs
- unique adult-specific services and personal attention
- dedicated, highly qualified faculty

Degree Programs Offered

Accounting¹

African American Studies³

Art

Biology

Business Management¹

Chemistry

Community and Justice Studies¹

Computer Information Systems¹

Computing and Information
Technology¹

Criminal Justice¹

Economics

Education Studies^{2,3}

English

Environmental Studies³

Exercise and Sports Studies

Forensic Biology¹

French

Geology and Earth Sciences

German

German Studies

Health Sciences³

History¹

Integrative Studies

International Studies

Mathematics

Music

Peace and Conflict Studies³

Philosophy

Physics

Political Science¹

Psychology¹

Religious Studies

Sociology/Anthropology

Spanish

Sport Management

Sports Medicine

Theatre Studies

Women's Studies³

¹ Programs can be completed entirely at night.

² Internship/student teaching must be completed in the daytime.

³ Requires a second disciplinary major.

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