

African American Studies

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.

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| 1. Historical Dimensions: HIST 225: African American History | 4 credits |
| 2. Creative Voices: one course from approved list* | 4 credits |
| 3. Theoretical Frameworks: one course from approved list* | 4 credits |
| 4. African Connections: one course from approved list* | 4 credits |
| 5-6. Two courses from an approved list* | 8 credits |
| 7. One course from approved list* | 4 credits |
| 8. 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. One course from: AFAS, ENGL, HIST, JPS, PHIL, PSY, SOAN 260, 360, 460, 290, 390 Independent Study/Internship | 4 credits |

*List of approved courses is available on the Guilford College website

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

Edwins Gwako, Associate Professor of Anthropology, Coordinator
Carolyn Beard Whitlow, Dana Professor of English
Joy Coates, Assistant Professor of History
Naadiya Hasan, Assistant Professor of Sociology
Adrienne Israel, Professor of History
Barbara Lawrence, Assistant Professor of Justice and Policy Studies
Lisa McLeod, Assistant Professor of Philosophy
Karen Tinsley, Associate Professor of Psychology

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

Accounting ¹	Environmental Studies ³	Philosophy
African American Studies ³	Exercise and Sports Studies	Peace and Conflict Studies ³
Art	Forensic Accounting ¹	Physics
Biology	Forensic Biology ¹	Political Science ¹
Business Management ¹	French	Psychology ¹
Chemistry	Geology and Earth Sciences	Religious Studies
Community and Justice Studies ¹	German	Sociology/Anthropology
Computer Information Systems ¹	German Studies	Spanish
Computing and Information Technology ¹	Health Sciences ³	Sport Management
Criminal Justice ¹	History ¹	Sports Medicine
Economics	Integrative Studies	Theatre Studies
Education Studies ^{2, 3}	International Studies	Women's Studies ³
English	Mathematics	
	Music	

¹ Programs can be completed entirely at night.

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

³ Requires a second disciplinary major.