

DEPARTMENT OF AFRICAN AND AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES
THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY
AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES BA MAJOR CHECKSHEET – AASBA/LSJ

Requirements for the Major: (45 credits)

[This includes 0-3 credits of General Education courses: 0-3 credits of GS courses.]

This interdisciplinary major is designed to give students an integrated and critical understanding of the experiences and contributions of peoples of African descent. Students are encouraged to do research and evaluate the relationship between the political, social, and economic developments in Africa and the African Diaspora.

MAJOR REQUIRED COURSES: (12 credits)

AAA S 100 (3) _____ AAA S 110 (3) _____ AAA S/HIST 211 (3) _____ SOC 207 (3) _____

MAJOR OPTION REQUIREMENT COURSES: (33 credits)

[This multi-disciplinary program will provide students with the opportunity to study the politics, culture, economics, and history of African Americans in our society and link this understanding with an in depth study of criminal justice and the legal system. Issues that students will focus on will be areas such as: Are African Americans discriminated against in criminal justice decision-making? What is the historic connection between race and punishment in the U S legal system? How do issues of class, race and gender impact policy decisions about crime and punishment? What is the socioeconomic impact of high incarceration rates on the African American community? The program is designed to encourage students to think systematically about the relationship among public policy, the criminal justice system, and shifting notions of social justice that have characterized debates over the workings and goals of the prison system in American life and thought.

OPTION REQUIRED COURSES: (18 credits)

AAA S/HIST 210 (3) _____ ADM J/CLJ/SOC 012* (3) _____ ADM J/CLJ 113 (3) _____ CLJ 111 (3) _____
AAA S 401 (3) _____ CLJ 451 (3) _____

OPTION RELATED COURSES: (15 credits)

AAA S/SOC 409 (3) _____ AAA S/HIST 431 (3) _____ AAA S 440 (3) _____ AAA S/L I R/PL SC 445W (3) _____
AAA S/HIST 465 (3) _____ ADM J/WMNST 453 (3) _____ CLJ 430 (3) _____ CLJ 433 (3) _____ CLJ 435 (3) _____
CLJ 441 (3) _____ CLJ/SOC 467 (3) _____ CLJ 490 (3) _____ ECON 436 (3) _____

*ADM J/SLJ/SOC 012 may be double counted as a general education course

A student enrolled in this major must receive a grade of "C" or better, as specified in Senate Policy.82-44.