

CUNY BA AND CITY TECH AFR:

Enrolled CUNY BA students pursuing degrees in Legal Studies, Political Science, History, Psychology, or other areas within the Social Sciences or Professional Studies are likely to find the course offerings within the AFR Option appealing, as they not only grant students a unique learning experience, but, also, lead to career fields in law, politics, journalism, social work, anthropology, the arts, academia, medicine, among other career fields.

CUNY BA students who opt into the AFR Option will be required to take all 12 credits toward the completion of their CUNY BA degree. Additional information about forthcoming Articulation Agreements with other CUNY colleges can be found on the AFR department website.

A FINAL WORD ON THE AFR OPTION:

Beyond being interdisciplinary, several courses within the AFR Option are writing intensive (WI), and, in many cases, they are also reading intensive (RI). Students will often be asked to develop individual or group classroom presentations. They will be exposed to various forms of research methodology and will be expected to use their personal, cultural, and scholarly expertise to engage in creative and enthusiastic classroom discussions. The Option's desire is to create a community of thinkers who are able to fully articulate their understanding of Diasporic Studies, as it relates to the discipline of African American Studies, and go on to positively impact and contribute to the cultural communities they learn about.

Students interested in enrolling within the Option in African American Studies must meet with the AFR Department Chair, the Director of Liberal Arts & Sciences/CUNY BA Director (616 P), or the Dean of Arts & Sciences (321 N).



**The ram may bully, not with its horns,
but with its heart.**

– Adinkra Proverb

ADINKRA SYMBOL (RAM'S HORN)

Symbol of strength in mind, body and soul, humility, wisdom, and learning.

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OPTION IN AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES

THE AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES DEPARTMENT



ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT:

The Department of African American Studies offers traditional and interdisciplinary academic courses in the Arts (music/dance/visual arts), Literature (African/African American/Afro-Caribbean), and the Social Sciences (Anthropology and History). Beyond the traditional lecture-based classroom instruction, AFR courses also utilize the place-based learning module. As such, students attend field trips to New York City Museums, the United Nations, the African Burial Grounds, The National Black Theater, and New York City Hip Hop archives and landmarks. Interdisciplinary courses also expose students to guest lecturers over the course of a given semester.

A School of Liberal Arts & Sciences program, the Department's primary goal is to bring into focus—through its intellectual, varied, and unique course offerings—the study of the peoples of the African Diaspora and their historical and cultural contributions from the antiquity to the present.

THE FACULTY:

Our courses are taught by fulltime professors and adjunct lecturers. Not only are they Master Teachers in the classroom, but, also, the faculty is comprised of distinguished academic scholars (anthropology/history/literature), visual artists and art historians, and ethnomusicologists and musicians.

WHAT IS AN OPTION, AND IS IT RIGHT FOR YOU?:

An Option is an opportunity for a student to participate in focused or concentrated academic study within another discipline/department BEYOND the major. In short, it is the equivalent of a minor; this is an excellent opportunity for a student to gain exposure to another course of study. Having an Option serves several purposes:

- Students gain an opportunity to challenge themselves.
- Options feed additional academic interests held by students.
- Option courses prepare students for studies beyond the undergraduate degree: Associate or Baccalaureate.
- Option courses articulated with Baccalaureate programs within CUNY are transferable.

THE AFR OPTION:

The Option in African American Studies is **12** credits.

The courses, all Pathways approved, are a condensed academic lens into the overall AFR curriculum. Therefore, students may choose a focus that centers on the arts, literature and the social sciences. Of the 12 credits to satisfy the option, no more than

two courses may be taken in the same discipline (e.g. History or Sociology)

In order to satisfy the requirements for the Option, students must chose **3** courses from the following list:

World Cultures and Global Issues

AFR 2222: Current Caribbean Literature (Literature)

AFR 1460: Early African History (History) *1

AFR 1462: Blacks in Science, Technology and Business (Sociology)

US Experience in its Diversity

AFR 2201: Early Black Writers (Literature)

AFR 1501: Community Problems (Sociology)

AFR 1465: Early African American History (History) *2

Individual and Society

AFR 2250: Black Women in Literature (Literature)

Creative Expressions

AFR 1301: Introduction to the Art of Africa (Visual Art) *3

AFR 1311: African/African American/Afro-Caribbean Music (Music)

To **complete** the Option, students must also enroll in a designated AFR Capstone course (see courses below). A complete listing of **ALL** AFR Capstone courses can be found online in the New York City College of Technology college catalog.

AFR 2202: Contemporary Black Writers in American Literature (Literature)

AFR 2402ID: The Heritage of Imperialism (History) *4

** A numbered guide for the potential order of a 12 credit AFR Option program.*

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS (LAA)

PROGRAM-SPECIFIC DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

* You must choose one course designated Writing Intensive (WI) from the program

Foreign Language I (FL)	3
Foreign Language II (FL)	3
Foreign Language III (FL)	3
Communication (COM) COM 1330^	3
Philosophy (PHIL)	3
History (HIS)	3

GENERAL EDUCATION COMMON CORE

* You must choose one course designated WI from GenEd

English Composition) I (EC) ENG 1101	3
English Composition II (EC) ENG 1121	3
World Cultures & Global Issues (WCGI)	3
US Experience in its Diversity (USED)	3
Individual & Society (IS)	3
Creative Expression (CE)	3
Mathematical & Quantitative Reasoning or higher (MQR) MAT 1190^	3-4
Life & Physical Sciences (LPS)	3-5
Scientific World (SW)	3-5
One (WCGI, USED, IS, CE, or SW) Course	3-5

Choose courses that match your goals	
Capstone	3-5
Elective (ELE)	0-9

Total Program-Specific Required & Elective courses	25-30
Total NYSED Liberal Arts/Sciences Credits	30-35
Total credits Required for Degree	60

*AFR Option courses can be used to fulfill the Pathways requirements within the LAA Degree, or they can be plotted within the allowed Electives (ELE).

*WI - A semester-specific list of writing intensive courses is available online at the City Tech GenEd website: www.citytech.cuny.edu/pathways/writingintensive.aspx

IMPORTANT - Students must earn a grade of C or better in ENG 1101 to graduate with a LAA Degree.

ARTICULATION AGREEMENTS:

Currently, the AFR Option holds a binding Articulation Agreement with the CUNY Baccalaureate For Unique and Interdisciplinary Studies Degree Program (CUNY BA).

ABOUT CUNY BA:

CUNY Baccalaureate for Unique and Interdisciplinary Studies is a CUNY-wide program offering Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees. Students working with faculty members develop an individualized course of study, typically interdisciplinary in content, with courses from various departments from different CUNY colleges.