



# Africana Studies - English Literature Joint Major

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The joint major offers an especially coherent experience in interdisciplinary learning by bringing together Africana studies and English literature in two interrelated ways. Students get a rich and rigorous exposure to African and African Diaspora literature written in English through literature produced in the United States, Africa, Canada, Great Britain, and the Caribbean. Additionally, students examine some of the significant relationships between African and African Diaspora works and a range of English language literary traditions.

The major exposes students to important questions and traditions in literary interpretation and offers them political, social, and cultural contexts for the literature they will read. Like most liberal arts majors, it helps students learn to think analytically and to make and assess arguments, skills that are important in many jobs and courses of graduate study. The major is also useful for prospective teachers who are interested in developing and teaching curricula that include African Diaspora literature within other English language traditions. Students who complete the joint major will have fulfilled most of the School of Education's undergraduate requirements for secondary education certification in English.

The Africana Studies-English Literature joint major requires 45 credits distributed as follows: four core courses, four literature courses from the Department of Africana Studies, three literature courses from the Department of English, and four electives, one of which must be a history course in the Department of Africana Studies. No more than two upper-division courses can count toward the major before a student has completed the introductory courses, and three of the required courses in each department excluding the core courses must be taken before a student enrolls in the senior seminar.

## Required courses for the Africana Studies-English Literature joint major

### Core courses

AFCNA 0031 Introduction to Africana Studies  
ENGLIT 0500 Introduction to Critical Reading  
ENGLIT 1900 Project Seminar  
ENGLIT 1910 Senior Seminar

### Africana Studies; choose four of the following courses

AFCNA 0150 African-American Literature  
AFCNA 0316 Introduction to African American Theater  
AFCNA 0522 Introduction to African Literature  
AFCNA 1306 World Literature in English  
AFCNA 1349 Contemporary Caribbean Literature  
AFCNA 1644 The African Novel  
AFCNA 1704 Africana World Literature

### English Literature; choose three of the following courses

ENGLIT 1125 Renaissance in England  
ENGLIT 1150 Enlightenment to Revolution  
ENGLIT 1175 Nineteenth Century British Literature  
ENGLIT 1200 American Literature to 1860  
ENGLIT 1220 Emergence of Modern America  
ENGLIT 1325 The Modernist Tradition  
ENGLIT 1380 World Literature in English

### Elective courses

Students must choose four elective courses from offerings in the departments of Africana Studies and English. One of these electives must be a history course offered by the Department of Africana Studies. Students might also use electives to pursue more extensive work in particular areas of study, such as African, African-American, British, Caribbean, or U.S. literature.

In light of the interdisciplinary and international character of the joint major, it would be appropriate for students to petition to have a closely related course taught in a foreign language (for example, a course on Francophone-Caribbean literature in the Department of French and Italian Languages and Literatures) count as one of the electives toward the joint major.

Students interested in careers in education should pay particular attention to courses required by various School of Education certification programs.

### Grade requirements

A minimum GPA of 2.0 is required in those courses that count toward the joint major.

### Satisfactory/No Credit option

There is no limit on the number of courses in the joint major that can be taken on an S/NC basis.

### Writing (W) requirement

Joint majors automatically fulfill both Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences W-course requirements. Students pursuing a second major would be required to complete an additional W-course for that major.

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### Checklist for the Africana Studies-English Literature joint major

#### Core courses

\_\_\_\_\_ AFRCNA 0031  
\_\_\_\_\_ ENGLIT 0500  
\_\_\_\_\_ ENGLIT 1900  
\_\_\_\_\_ AFRCNA 1068 or ENGLIT 1909 or 1910

#### Africana Studies courses; four of the following courses

\_\_\_\_\_ AFRCNA 0016  
\_\_\_\_\_ AFRCNA 0022  
\_\_\_\_\_ AFRCNA 0050  
\_\_\_\_\_ AFRCNA 1004  
\_\_\_\_\_ AFRCNA 1006 (cross-listed with ENGLIT 1380)  
\_\_\_\_\_ AFRCNA 1020  
\_\_\_\_\_ AFRCNA 1044  
\_\_\_\_\_ AFRCNA 1049

#### English Literature courses; three of the following courses

\_\_\_\_\_ ENGLIT 1125  
\_\_\_\_\_ ENGLIT 1150  
\_\_\_\_\_ ENGLIT 1175  
\_\_\_\_\_ ENGLIT 1200  
\_\_\_\_\_ ENGLIT 1220  
\_\_\_\_\_ ENGLIT 1325  
\_\_\_\_\_ ENGLIT 1380 (cross-listed with AFRCNA 1006)

#### Elective courses

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