



This course plan is a recommended sequence for this major. Courses designated as critical (!) may have a deadline for completion and/or affect time to graduation. Please see the Program Notes section for details regarding "critical courses" for this particular Program of Study.

Critical	Course Subject and Title	Credit Hours	Min. Grade ¹	Major GPA ²	Code	Prerequisites	Notes
Semester One (15-17 Credit Hours)							
!	ENGL 101 Critical Reading and Composition	3	C		CC-CMW		
	Carolina Core ARP Requirement	3-4			CC-ARP		
	Foreign language ³ or other Carolina Core Requirement ⁴	3-4			CC-GFL		
	Carolina Core Requirement ⁴	3			CC		
	UNIV 101 The Student in the University or Carolina Core Requirement ⁴	3			PR/CC		
Semester Two (15-16 Credit Hours)							
!	ENGL 102 Rhetoric and Composition	3	C		CC-CMW CC-INF	C or better in ENGL 101	
	Carolina Core ARP Requirement	3-4			CC-ARP		
	Foreign language ³ or other Carolina Core Requirement ⁴	3			CC-GFL		
	Carolina Core Requirement ⁴	3			CC		
	History ⁵	3			CR		
Semester Three (15-16 Credit Hours)							
	AFAM 201 Introduction to African American Studies: Social and Historical Foundations	3	C		MR		
	Carolina Core Requirement ⁴	3-4			CC		
	Foreign language ³ or Carolina Core Requirement ⁴	3			CR/CC		
	Social Science	3			CR		
	Humanities or Fine Arts	3			CR		
Semester Four (15 Credit Hours)							
	AFAM 202 Introduction to African-American Studies: Arts and Cultural Foundations	3	C		MR		
	Cognate or Minor Course ⁶	3	C		PR		
	Cognate or Minor Course ⁶	3	C		PR		
	Humanities or Fine Arts	3			CR		
	Carolina Core Requirement ⁴	3			CC		
Semester Five (15 Credit Hours)							
	AFAM Society and History course ⁷	3	C		MR		
	AFAM Arts and Culture course ⁷	3	C		MR		
	Cognate or Minor Course ⁶	3	C		PR		
	Cognate or Minor Course ⁶	3	C		PR		
	Humanities or Fine Arts	3			CR		
Semester Six (15 Credit Hours)							
	AFAM Society and History course ⁷	3	C		MR		
	AFAM Arts and Culture course ⁷	3	C		MR		
	Minor Course ⁶ or Elective ⁸	3	C (minor)		PR		
	Carolina Core Requirement ⁴ or Elective ⁸	3			CC/PR		
	Carolina Core Requirement ⁴ or Elective ⁸	3			CC/PR		
Semester Seven (15 Credit Hours)							
	AFAM Additional Elective course ⁷ (300-level or above)	3	C		MR		
	Elective course ⁸	3	C		PR		
	Elective ⁸	3	C (minor)		PR		
	Elective ⁸	3			PR		
	Elective ⁸	3			PR		
Semester Eight (15 Credit Hours)							
	AFAM 498 Seminar in African-American Studies (Arts & Cultural Foundations) or AFAM 499 Seminar in African American Studies (Social & Historical Foundations)	3	C		MR/CC-INT		
	Elective course ⁸	3	C		PR		
	Elective ⁸	3			PR		
	Elective ⁸	3			PR		
	Elective ⁸ (only if needed to meet hours to graduate)	1			PR		

Graduation Requirements Summary

Minimum Total Hours	Minimum Major Requirements Hours	College & Program Requirements Hours	Carolina Core Hours	Minimum Institutional GPA
120	24	49-64	32-44	2.000

- Regardless of individual course grades, students must maintain a minimum 2.000 institutional GPA.
- Some colleges require a minimum GPA for major courses. Courses indicated in this column are included in the major GPA for this program of study.
- Students in the College of Arts and Sciences are required to demonstrate proficiency in one foreign language equivalent to the 122 course through course credit or the corresponding foreign language placement score.
- The [Carolina Core](#) provides the common core of knowledge, skill and academic experience for all Carolina undergraduate students.
- The College of Arts and Sciences requires one U.S. History and one non-U.S. History course, both of which must be chosen from the approved Carolina Core GHS courses. Whichever is not fulfilled through the Carolina Core GHS requirement must be fulfilled through this college requirement.
- The cognate is intended to support the course work in the major. The cognate must consist of twelve hours of courses at the advanced level, outside of, but related to the major. In place of a cognate, a student may choose a minor consisting of at least 18 credit hours of courses concentrated in one area that follow a structured sequence. A second major eliminates the minor/cognate requirement.
- Major Electives (15 hours):**

Arts and Culture courses (6 hours)	Society and History courses (6 hours)
Select two courses from the following list: AFAM 207 – Introduction to African American Religions (=RELG 207) AFAM 303 – African American Cultures (=ANTH 303) AFAM 308 – African American Feminist Theory (=WGST 308) AFAM 343 – Religions of the African Diaspora (=RELG 343) AFAM 380 – Cultural History of Hip Hop Music AFAM 393 – Race and Science Fiction (=POLI 393) AFAM 398 – Special Topics in African American Art and Culture AFAM 399 – Independent Study AFAM 420 – Slavery, Literature & Culture AFAM 428A – African American Literature I: to 1903 (=ENGL 428A) AFAM 428B – African American Literature II: since 1903 (=ENGL 428B) AFAM 438D – African Literature (=ENGL 438D) AFAM 438E – Caribbean Literature (=ENGL 438E) AFAM 442 – African American English (=ANTH/LING 442, ENGL 457) AFAM 486 – African American Rhetoric (=ENGL/SPCH 486) AFAM 487 – Black Women Writers (=ENGL/WGST 487) AFAM 515 – Race, Gender and Graphic Novels (=WGST 515) AFAM 517 – An Anthropological View of Blacks in Film (=ANTH 517) AFAM 565 – African American Theatre (=ENGL/THEA 565) AFAM 580 – Culture and Identity in the African Diaspora (=ANTH 580)	Select two courses from the following list: AFAM 218 – Convergence and Divergence in African American and Jewish Relations: Historical and Contemporary (=EDTE/JUSTU 218) AFAM 330 – Psychology of African Americans (=PSYC 300) AFAM 331 – Black Experience in the U.S. to 1865 (=HIST 331) AFAM 332 – Black Experience in the U.S. since 1865 (=HIST 332) AFAM 335 – The American Civil Rights Movement (=HIST 455) AFAM 348 – Environmental Racism and Justice (=ENVR 348) AFAM 350 – Antiracist Education (=EDFI 350) AFAM 353 – Intro to U.S. Racial and Ethnic Politics (=POLI 353) AFAM 355 – Race and Ethnic Relations (=SOCY 355) AFAM 364 – African American Politics (=POLI 364) AFAM 365 – Medical Experimentation and the Black Body (=ANTH 263) AFAM 397 – Special Topics in African American Society and History AFAM 402 – African American Political Thought (=POLI 402) AFAM 463 – Jim Crow: Histories & Revivals (=HIST 463) AFAM 476 – Black Activism (=POLI 476)
Additional Electives (3 hours) Select one additional courses from AFAM 300 or higher	

- No courses of a remedial, developmental, skill-acquiring, or vocational nature may apply as credit toward degrees in the College of Arts and Sciences. The College of Arts and Sciences allows the use of the Pass-Fail option on elective courses. Further clarification on inapplicable courses can be obtained from the College of Arts and Sciences.

Program Notes:

- Courses identified as “critical” must be completed in the student’s first 60 semester hours of work in order for these courses to be credited toward graduation.
- All undergraduate students must take a 3-credit course or its equivalent with a passing grade that covers the founding documents. This course may fulfill any requirement in the program of study. Courses that meet this requirement are listed in the academic bulletin.
- The last 30 credit hours toward your degree must be earned in residence at the University of South Carolina-Columbia.

University Requirements: Bachelor’s degree-seeking students must meet Carolina Core (general education) requirements. For more information regarding these requirements, please visit the [Carolina Core](#) page on the University website.

Codes:	
CC	Carolina Core
CC-AIU	Carolina Core-Aesthetic and Interpretive Understanding
CC-ARP	Carolina Core-Analytical Reasoning and Problem-Solving
CC-CMS	Carolina Core-Effective, Engaged, and Persuasive Communication: Spoken Component
CC-CMW	Effective, Engaged, and Persuasive Communication: Written Component
CC-GFL	Carolina Core-Global Citizenship and Multicultural Understanding: Foreign Language
CC-GHS	Carolina Core – Historical Thinking
CC-GSS	Carolina Core – Social Sciences
CC-INF	Carolina Core – Information Literacy
CC-INT	Carolina Core – Integrative Course
CC-SCI	Carolina Core – Scientific Literacy
CC-VSR	Carolina Core – Values, Ethics, and Social Responsibility
CR	College Requirement
MR	Major Requirement
PR	Program Requirement

Disclaimer: Major maps are only a suggested or recommended sequence of courses required in a program of study. Please contact your academic advisor for assistance in the application of specific coursework to a program of study and course selection and planning for upcoming semesters.