

# AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES CERTIFICATE

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**Academic Advisor:** Marshal Washington

The Certificate in African American Studies offers undergraduate students an excellent opportunity to develop a specialization in African-American issues while pursuing a major in another field. Certificate students learn about the social, economic, political and cultural history of the African-American people through a concentration of courses they plan with the AASP Academic Advisor. Courses taken toward the certificate also may be used to satisfy General Education requirements and electives.

Earning a Certificate in African American Studies gives students a competitive advantage in the job market by adding greater focus to their undergraduate experience.

## Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
<b>AASP General Education Courses</b>		
AASP100	Introduction to African American Studies	3
AASP101	Public Policy and the Black Community	3
AASP200	African Civilization	3
or AASP202	Black Culture in the United States	
<b>Upper Division Electives</b>		
AASP	Pre-approved courses 300-level or above in other departments	9
<b>Seminar</b>		
AASP400	Directed Readings in African American Studies	3
or AASP402	Classic Readings in African American Studies	
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>21</b>

- Students must earn a "C-" or above in each course applied toward the certificate.
- Students must have a minimum 2.0 cumulative grade point average across all courses used to satisfy the undergraduate certificate requirements.
- No more than 9 credit hours applied towards a major may be counted for the certificate.
- No more than 9 credit hours may be taken at institutions other than UMD.

**For more information, or to apply, please call the African American Studies Department at 301-405-1158. The AASP office is located in 1119 Taliaferro Hall.**