African American Studies BA/Minor – Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs)

Disciplinary Knowledge of African American Studies

SLO 1: Students will demonstrate disciplinary knowledge of African American Studies
a) Students will identify the origins of the first Black Studies Program
b) Students will recognize core thinkers in the discipline of African American Studies
c) Students will recognize central texts by major figures
d) Students will relate central texts to their historical, cultural, and/or theoretical context
e) Students will correctly employ important concepts and terminology in the discipline of African American Studies.

Research Design and Methodology

Students will demonstrate competence in African American Studies research design and methodology.
Students will synthesize knowledge gained in the major.
Students will differentiate primary and secondary sources.
Students will appropriately integrate source material into their writing/research.
Students will effectively organize and cite bibliographic material using a specific documentation style.
Students will distinguish between qualitative and quantitative research methods.
Students will formulate a logical conclusion based upon the findings of their inquiry.
Students will summarize the implications of their research through oral communication.

Critical Inquiry and Analysis

Students will practice critical inquiry and analysis of the political, social, and historical perspectives of African American life and culture.
Students will apply theoretical questions to the interpretation of texts.
Students will identify innovative topics in African American life and culture to analyze through preliminary research.
Students will effectively employ information literacy in the development of a research proposal.
Students will synthesize academic sources to develop an original argument.
Students will design an original, implementable research project.
Students will demonstrate competence in written and in oral communication.