

BLACK STUDIES, BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

The central mission of the Black Studies discipline is to prepare students to critically understand and interpret complex global histories, cultures, and societies of Africana people, which includes continental and diasporic Africans. We situate this knowledge within an interdisciplinary general discourse that teaches us about the totality of human experiences involving universal struggles for valued collective and individual identities. Students will employ research, methodology and theories drawn out of the collective Black experience to address relevant issues on behalf of global African communities and the whole of humanity.

Degree Student Learning Objectives

Students will be able to demonstrate global knowledge of Africana histories, civilizations, and social movements, and their impact on global cultures, civilizations, and societies. Through written research and oral communication skills, students will synthesize and employ research methods and theories that demonstrate comprehension of the Black Studies discipline.

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To obtain a B.S. with a major in Black Studies, a student must fulfill university, college, and departmental requirements.

Black Studies, Bachelor of Science Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS - 46 Hours Required		
Minimum of "C-" required		
Fundamental Academic Skills		15
ENGL 1150	ENGLISH COMPOSITION I	
ENGL 1160	ENGLISH COMPOSITION II	
BLST 3700	CRITICAL WRITING FOR CULTURAL STUDIES	
CMST 1110 or CMST 2120	PUBLIC SPEAKING FUNDS ARGUMENTATION AND DEBATE	
MATH 1120 or MATH 1100 or MATH 1130 or MATH 1140 or MATH 1300 or STAT 1100 or STAT 1530	INTRODUCTION TO MATHEMATICAL AND COMPUTATIONAL THINKING DATA LITERACY AND VISUALIZATION QUANTITATIVE LITERACY QUANTITATIVE REASONING FOR HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS COLLEGE ALGEBRA WITH SUPPORT DATA LITERACY AND VISUALIZATION ELEMENTARY STATISTICS	
Distribution Requirements		31
Natural Science - From two disciplines and at least one lab - 7 hrs		

Social Science - From two disciplines - 9 hrs		
Humanities and Fine Arts - From two disciplines - 9 hrs		
Global Diversity - 3 hrs		
US Diversity - 3 hrs		
MAJOR REQUIREMENTS - 33 Hours Required		
**Course will satisfy UNO's General Education requirement		
^Course required pre-requisite(s)		
Required Coursework		15
BLST 1000	INTRODUCTION TO BLACK STUDIES (**)	
BLST 1050	CLASSICAL AFRICAN CIVILIZATIONS (**)	
BLST 2100	BLACK AMERICAN CULTURE (**)	
BLST 2410	AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY I: 1619-1865 (**)	
BLST 2710	AFRICANA SOCIAL & POLITICAL THOUGHT (**)	
Select 6 of the Following:		18
BLST 3000	SURVEY OF BLACK EDUCATION	
BLST 3030	GEOGRAPHY OF AFRICA	
BLST 3120	THE AFRICAN AMERICAN EXPERIENCE IN POLITICS (**)	
BLST 3410	LAW AND THE BLACK COMMUNITY (**)	
BLST 3450	AFRICAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	
BLST 3510	CULTURAL COMMUNICATION IN AFRICAN-AMERICAN CINEMA (**^)	
BLST 3700	CRITICAL WRITING FOR CULTURAL STUDIES (**^ Writing in the Discipline Course)	
BLST 3970	INTERNSHIP IN BLACK STUDIES	
BLST 3980	SPECIAL TOPICS IN BLACK STUDIES (may be taken twice)	
BLST 3990	COMMUNITY STUDY PROJECT	
BLST 4030	AFRICANA RELIGIONS	
BLST 4120	BLACK WOMEN LEADERS IN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS	
BLST 4150	AFRICAN AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGY (**^)	
BLST 4210	THE HARLEM RENAISSANCE (^)	
BLST 4220	PAN AFRICANISM & BLACK LIBERATION	
BLST 4260	BLACK WOMEN WRITERS	
BLST 4470	SOUTH AFRICA & THE SOCIO POLITICS OF APARTHEID (**)	
BLST 4580	COMMUNICATING RACE, ETHNICITY & IDENTITY (**^)	
BLST 4590	AFRICAN-AMERICAN POPULAR MUSIC FROM BEBOP TO HIP-HOP	
BLST 4650	SLAVERY AND RACE RELATIONS IN THE AMERICAS (**)	
BLST 4710	BROWN V. BOARD OF EDUCATION (**)	
BLST 4750	CRITICAL QUANTITATIVE RESEARCH METHODS (^)	
BLST 4880	BLACK LEADERSHIP IN AMERICA	
BLST 4900	INDEPENDENT STUDY	
College Breadth (choose one option)		15-30+
Option 1: Complete any UNO minor or undergraduate certificate - 15+ hours		
Option 2: Additional General Education Requirements - 19+ hours		
Additional quantitative literacy - 3 hours		
Additional Social Science Gen. Ed. from 3rd Discipline - 3 hours		

Additional Humanities Gen. Ed. from 3rd Discipline - 3 hours	
HIST 1000 and HIST 1010 - 6 hours	
Additional Nat. and Physical Science w/ Lab - 4-5 hours	
Option 3: : CAS comprehensive major (50+ hours) OR any second UNO major (30+ hours)	

Bachelor of Science Cognate Requirement 15

Students in the B.S. degree program are required to complete 15 hours of cognate coursework, a field of specialization outside of their major based on their interests and/or career aspirations. Cognates are designed by the student in consultation with the undergraduate adviser.

ELECTIVES

Elective hours as required to reach a total of 120 hours

Black Studies, Bachelor of Science Four-Year Plan

Freshman

		Credits
Fall		
BLST 1000	INTRODUCTION TO BLACK STUDIES	3
ENGL 1150	ENGLISH COMPOSITION I (*)	3
Humanities & Fine Arts / Global Diversity Course		3
CMST 1110	PUBLIC SPEAKING FUNDS	3
or CMST 2120	or ARGUMENTATION AND DEBATE	
Natural & Physical Sciences/lab		4
*ENGL 1150 requires appropriate placement.		
Credits		16

Spring

BLST 1050	CLASSICAL AFRICAN CIVILIZATIONS	3
ENGL 1160	ENGLISH COMPOSITION II (*)	3
MATH 1120	INTRODUCTION TO MATHEMATICAL AND COMPUTATIONAL THINKING (**)	3-4
or MATH 1220	or COLLEGE ALGEBRA	
or MATH 1130	or QUANTITATIVE LITERACY	
or MATH 1300	or COLLEGE ALGEBRA WITH SUPPORT	
or STAT 1100	or DATA LITERACY AND VISUALIZATION	
or STAT 1530	or ELEMENTARY STATISTICS	
SOCIAL SCIENCE		3
HIST 1000	WORLD HISTORY TO 1500 (OR MINOR/DOUBLE MAJOR COURSE***)	3

*ENGL 1160 requires ENGL 1150 with grade of C- or higher or appropriate placement.

**Some Math/Stats courses require placement. Please consult with your advisor.

***CAS College Requirement

Credits 15-16

Sophomore

Fall		
BLST 2410	AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY I: 1619-1865	3
Natural & Physical Science from 2nd discipline		3
Humanities & Fine Arts from 2nd discipline		3
Social Science from 2nd discipline		3
HIST 1010	WORLD HISTORY SINCE 1500 (OR MINOR/DOUBLE MAJOR COURSE*)	3

*CAS College Requirement Options

Credits 15

Spring

BLST 2100	BLACK AMERICAN CULTURE	3
Social Science from 3rd discipline OR Minor/Double Major course*		3
Natural Science w/Lab OR Minor/Double Major Course*		3-4
Quantitative Literacy course OR Minor/Double Major Course*		3
Humanities & Fine Arts from 3rd discipline OR Minor/Double Major Course*		3

*CAS College Requirement Options

Credits 15-16

Junior

Fall		
BLST 2710	AFRICANA SOCIAL & POLITICAL THOUGHT	3
B.S. Cognate course		3
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Elective or Minor/Double Major Course*		3
Elective or Minor/Double Major Course*		3
*Students need 27 credits throughout their degree at the 3000/4000 level. Electives and/or cognate courses may need to be selected at the 3000-4000 level.		

Credits 15

Spring

Upper division BLST elective		3
Upper division BLST elective		3
B.S. Cognate course		3
B.S. Cognate course		3
Elective or Minor/Double Major Course*		3
*Students need 27 credits throughout their entire degree taken at the 3000-4000 level. Electives and/or cognate courses may need to be selected at the 3000-4000 level to reach this minimum.		

Credits 15

Senior

Fall		
Upper division BLST elective		3
Upper division BLST elective		3
B.S. Cognate course		3
Elective or Minor/Double Major Course*		3
Elective or Minor/Double Major Course*		3
*Students need a minimum of 27 upper level credits throughout the entire degree, with at least 18 credits of upper level coursework taken within the major/concentration. Students may need to select 3000/4000 level free electives to reach those specific minimums.		

Credits 15

Spring

BLST 3700	CRITICAL WRITING FOR CULTURAL STUDIES	3
Upper division BLST elective		3
Elective or Minor/Double Major Course*		3
Elective or Minor/Double Major Course*		3
Elective or Minor/Double Major Course*		2-3

*Students need 120 credits minimum for a bachelor's degree.

*Students need a minimum of 27 upper level credits throughout the entire degree, with at least 18 credits of upper level coursework taken within the major/ concentration. May need to select 3000/4000 level free electives to reach those specific minimums.

Credits	14-15
Total Credits	120-123

This roadmap is a suggested plan of study and does not replace meeting with the department chair or departmental advisor. Each student is required to do so each Fall and Spring semester in conjunction with their preparation of their schedule for those respective terms. Please note that students may need to adjust the actual sequence of courses based on course availability.

This plan is not a contract, and the printed curriculum is subject to change
Additional Information About this Plan:

Writing in the Discipline Requirement

All students are required to take a writing in the discipline course within their major. For the Black Studies major, this is BLST 3700 or another approved course.

Majors Capstone and Exit Survey Requirements:

Capstone

For the Capstone, each major must complete a community-based activity that includes at least **one** of the following:

- a local community-based study project;
- a service-learning connected course;
- a study abroad experience;
- a local community-based internship experience.

Ordinarily, the Capstone will occur during a students final two years of study. Students will be required to provide proof and certification of the completion of this requirement with the Department of Black Studies before graduation.

Exit Survey

For departmental assessment purposes, each major must complete an Exit Survey/questionnaire that will be available to all seniors prior to graduation.

Both the Capstone and Exit Survey must be completed or scheduled to be completed prior to graduation.

Alternative Grading Policies

All coursework taken for the Black Studies major or minor must be completed with a grade of “C-” or better. Courses taken on a Credit/No Credit, Audit, or Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory basis may not go toward the Black Studies major or minor. In such cases, students will be asked to add additional BLST coursework to their academic curriculum as surrogates for the number of hour credits earned under such alternative arrangements.

Upper Division Course Contingency

If an insufficient number of courses are available at the upper division level for a student to complete a major or minor, the chair of the department may, at his or her discretion, accept alternative departmental courses, external courses dealing with subject matter related to the major or minor or external experiences in course settings like internships, study abroad, and/or community engagement as acceptable for meeting the requirements.

University Degree Requirements

The minimum number of hours for a UNO undergraduate degree is 120 credit hours. Please review the requirements for your specific program to determine all requirements for the program. In order to graduate on-time (four years for an undergraduate degree), you need to take 30 hours each year.

Placement Exams

For Math, English, Foreign Language, a placement exam may be required. More information on these exams can be found at <https://www.unomaha.edu/enrollment-management/testing-center/placement-exams/information.php>

**Transfer credit or placement exam scores may change suggested plan of study