BLACK STUDIES, 
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

The central mission of the Black Studies program is to prepare students to critically understand, conduct research concerning, and interpret the complex histories, societies, and cultures of people of African descent in the United States, Africa, and the Diaspora. We situate this knowledge within a general discourse concerning what it teaches us about the totality of the human experience.

Degree Student Learning Objectives
Students will be able to demonstrate their comprehension of disciplinary materials in their reading, and their oral communication skills, showing evidence of their knowledge of Africana including its civilizations, its political, economic, and social movements, its global scope of its diaspora, and the impact of its enslavement and colonization on the world.

Students will be able to synthesize and employ the theories, methodological tools, and research within the discipline to formulate research questions, collect, understand, analyze, and apply data as well as write and present cohesive arguments related to Africana peoples and phenomena.

Students will demonstrate internalization of their role as a global citizen through application of their knowledge on behalf of the larger community.

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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 Assessment**

The Department requires the following of majors:

- Each major must complete at least one community-based activity consisting of a study abroad, service learning, and/or internship experience under the appropriate department course numbers.
- Each major must select one paper from their 3000 or 4000 level courses as their major departmental project.
- Each major must complete a content-laden “exit” interview.
- Specifications for all of these assessment requirements are available from the department.

**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**