Department of African American Studies

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African American Studies, a comprehensive study of the African American people’s experience, combines the approaches of the humanities and the social sciences. Students may take African American Studies to enhance their knowledge and/or pursue it as a major to provide a well-rounded approach to understanding problems through the African American example. The major also imparts skills in critical thinking, research methods, theory building, analysis, and written and oral expression.

Training in African American Studies is useful for graduate work in literature, American studies, law, history, sociology, social work, government, business, journalism, and employment in the public sphere.

Distinction
To be considered for Departmental Distinction, students must have a cumulative GPA of 3.25/4.00, a GPA of 3.50/4.00 in all African American Studies courses, and meet all course requirements for a major in African American Studies.

To be eligible for High or Highest Distinction, the student must have a grade point average of 3.75/4.00 in all African American Studies courses. In addition, eligible students must submit a final project for departmental review that demonstrates excellent work and must make a seminar presentation on this project to a session of African American Studies majors and faculty. The determination of high or highest distinction will be made by the faculty on the basis of the grade point average, the project, and the presentation.

Degree Program
• BA with a Major in African American Studies (http://catalog.uic.edu/ucat/colleges-depts/liberal-arts-sciences/aast/ba)

Minor
• Minor in African American Studies (http://catalog.uic.edu/ucat/colleges-depts/liberal-arts-sciences/aast/minor)