In the bachelor of arts in Africana studies program, students delve into current issues and the historical context surrounding cultural theory and Black studies. Classes encourage open discussions on topics including independence movements in Africa, race relations in the United States, Islamic philosophy, immigration and the American Dream. Many majors also choose to complement their class work with study abroad and internships.

Students choose electives from one of three primary areas.

- **African American Studies**: Classes in this area include Race and Minority Relations, Nineteenth Century Black Literature and African American History to 1865.
- **African Studies**: Classes in this area include Anthropology of Africa, West Africa to Independence and Africans in the Making of the Atlantic World.
- **Latin American, Latino and Caribbean Studies**: Classes in this area include Contemporary Francophone Literature and Latin America: Problems and Promise.

The program’s geographical scope prepares students for the challenges of an increasingly global world. Graduates have gone on to careers in a wide array of fields, including public policy, medicine, international affairs, history, education, literature, communication, law, and ethnic studies.

Visit the program website (https://africanastudies.columbian.gwu.edu/ba-africana-studies/) for more information.

**ADMISSIONS**

For more information on the admission process, please visit the Office of Undergraduate Admissions website (https://undergraduate.admissions.gwu.edu/). Applications may be submitted via the Common Application (https://go.gwu.edu/commonapp/).

Supporting documents not submitted online should be mailed to:

Office of Undergraduate Admissions  
The George Washington University  
800 21st Street NW, Suite 100  
Washington DC 20052

Contact for questions: gwadm@gwu.edu or 202-994-6040

**REQUIREMENTS**

The following requirements must be fulfilled:

The general requirements stated under Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, Undergraduate Programs (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/#degreeregulationtext).

Additional curriculum requirements:

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or HIST 3540  West Africa to Independence

Two additional courses from the following list of designated courses *

HIST 3501  Topics: Africa
HIST 3510  African History to 1880
HIST 3520  Africans in the Making of the Atlantic World
HIST 3530  Women in Africa
HIST 3540  West Africa to Independence
ANTH 3801  African Roots from Australopithecus to Zimbabwe
IAFF 2093  Africa: Problems and Prospects
PSC 2381  Comparative Politics of Sub-Saharan Africa
PSC 2482  African International Politics
FREN 3300  Topics in French and Francophone Literatures and Cultures in Translation
FREN 3560  Topics in Contemporary Francophone Literature and Cinema
GEOG 3154  Geography of the Middle East and North Africa
GEOG 3164  The Geography of Africa

Two courses in Latin American, Latino, and Caribbean studies:
HIST 3710  History of Latin America I

Another course from the following list of designated courses *

ENGL 3920  U.S. Latina/o Literature and Culture
ENGL 3930  Topics in U.S. Latina/o Literature and Culture
FREN 3300  Topics in French and Francophone Literatures and Cultures in Translation
FREN 3560  Topics in Contemporary Francophone Literature and Cinema
GEOG 3161  Geography of Latin America
IAFF 2090  Latin America: Problems and Promise
HIST 3711  History of Latin America II
SPAN 3600  Special Topics

An upper-division course in gender studies from the following list of designated courses (this course may also count toward one of the above categories) *

ANTH 2501  The Anthropology of Gender: Cross-Cultural Perspectives
HIST 3530  Women in Africa
HIST 3362  African American Women’s History
PHIL 2125  Philosophy of Race and Gender
REL 3481  Women in Islam

One additional course from above or from the following:

AMST 2020  Washington, DC: History, Culture, and Politics
AMST 2410  Modern U.S. Immigration
HIST 2803  The Ancient Near East and Egypt to 322 B.C.
REL 3475  Islamic Religion and Art
REL 3414  Islamic Philosophy and Theology
GEOG 2133  People, Land, and Food
GEOG 2141  Cities in the Developing World

**GENERAL EDUCATION**

In addition to the University General Education Requirement (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/university-regulations/general-education/#text), undergraduate students in Columbian College must complete a further, College-specific general education curriculum—Perspective, Analysis, Communication, or G-PAC (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/artsciences/gpac/). Together with the University General Education Requirement, G-PAC engages students in active intellectual inquiry across the liberal arts. Students achieve a set of learning outcomes that enhance their analytical skills, develop their communication competencies, and invite them to participate as responsible citizens who are attentive to issues of culture, diversity, and privilege.

G-PAC approved courses, Dean’s Seminars, and Sophomore Colloquia that may be available for registration are listed on the CCAS Advising website (https://advising.columbian.gwu.edu/general-education-courses/).

Coursework for the University General Education Requirement is distributed as follows:

- **Writing**—one approved course in university writing and two approved writing in the disciplines (WID) courses.
- **Humanities**—one approved course in the humanities that involves critical or creative thinking skills.
• Mathematics or Statistics—one approved course in either mathematics or statistics.
• Natural or Physical Science—one approved laboratory course that employs the process of scientific inquiry.
• Social Sciences—two approved courses in the social sciences.

Coursework for the Columbian College general education curriculum is distributed as follows:

• Arts—one approved course in the arts that involves the study or creation of artwork based on an understanding or interpretation of artistic traditions or knowledge of art in a contemporary context.
• Global or Cross-Cultural Perspective—one approved course that analyzes the ways in which institutions, practices, and problems transcend national and regional boundaries.
• Humanities—one approved course in the humanities that involves critical thinking skills (in addition to the one course in this category required by the University General Education Requirement).
• Local or Civic Engagement—one approved course that develops the values, ethics, disciplines, and commitment to pursue responsible public action.
• Natural or Physical Science—one approved laboratory course that employs the process of scientific inquiry (in addition to the one course in this category required by the University General Education Requirement).
• Oral Communication—one course in oral communication.

Certain courses are approved to fulfill the requirement in more than one of these categories.

Courses taken in fulfillment of G-PAC also may be counted toward majors or minors. Transfer courses taken prior to, but not after, admission to George Washington University may count toward the University General Education Requirement and G-PAC, if those transfer courses are equivalent to GW courses that have been approved by the University and the College.