

Degree in Black Studies

Program Details

The mission of the Black Studies Associate of Arts degree is to provide an interdisciplinary arena in which students learn to critically examine, analyze, and interpret Black experiences in American society. The degree offers a broad selection of courses addressing historical, cultural, and sociological factors that affect the lives of Black people. For the purpose of this program, the term “Black” encompasses people who are African-descended Americans, Africans, and others from the African diaspora (e.g., Haiti and other Caribbean Island countries, Cape Verde).

The fundamental goal of the Black Studies degree program is to offer a comprehensive introduction of the historical, anthropological, sociological, psychological, economic, and political aspects of Black America. The curriculum also offers opportunities to study the literary, musical, and artistic heritage of Black people in America and beyond.

Graduates earn an Associate in Arts Degree.

Program Outcomes

The Black Studies Program goals are:

- Prepare students for professional careers and support current workers in the fields of public service, education, healthcare, social work, law, community development, and others.
- Prepare students to pursue advanced Bachelor and master’s degrees in Black Studies and related fields.

Academic Map

This academic map is a suggested semester-by-semester guide to keep you on a clear path to program completion. Please note that some classes are offered only in certain semesters, have prerequisites, or minimum passing grades. Winter and/or Summer Session classes may be available for some classes. Your [academic advisor](#) will provide you with clear direction needed to stay on course and discuss scheduling options with you. Taking courses not reflected on this map may result in courses not counting toward the completion of your requirements.