



African Studies

Major Preparation Sheet 2017-2018

Where does my path start?

You will complete an Associate of Arts – Direct Transfer Agreement (AA-DTA) at Shoreline.

Use the [AA -DTA Degree Planning Guide](#), with this sheet, to understand the requirements for graduation.

Once you complete your Shoreline degree, you can transfer to a four-year school to earn a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in African Studies.

What is African studies?

African Studies focuses on knowledge of specific cultures and nations on the African continent, exploring the historical experiences of African peoples and the impact of African Diaspora on the world. Issues of race, power and privilege are addressed in both contemporary and historical contexts to guide students toward active citizenship and ethical decision making to foster social justice and equity in the modern world.

Contemporary issues in African Studies: Colonialism/Nationalism, Pre-Contact Trade Networks, Islamic Influence, Christianization, Language Classification, Trans-Continental Migration, Ancient African Civilizations.

Where can I go for help?

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What can I do with a Bachelor's Degree in African Studies?

Students majoring in African Studies develop leadership skills to live and work effectively in pluralistic societies. From advocacy and negotiations, to conflict management, counseling, critical thinking and interpersonal communications, African Studies majors develop skills essential to peace, equity and justice around the world.

Potential employers include: Local, state and federal government agencies, public and private schools, college and universities, health care facilities, community and social service organizations, public advocacy groups, non-profit organizations, foundations, historical societies, museums, libraries, business and industry, media and publishing companies, law firms and human rights groups. For more, please visit <http://www.shoreline.edu/counseling-center/career-counseling.aspx>.

What courses should I take?*

General Education Requirements (20 Credits)	Required: ENGL& 101; ENGL& 102; One course in Multicultural Understanding; One course in Quantitative/Symbolic Reasoning
Humanities (15 Credits)	Recommended: ENGL 247, MUSC 108, 109, 206
Natural Sciences (15 Credits)	Recommended ANTH& 205; BIOL& 170 or ENV& 101
Social Sciences (15 Credits)	Strongly Recommended: MCS 210 Recommended: ANTH& 206; GEOG& 100, 200; HIST& 136, 137, 146-148; HIST 246; INTST 101, 200, 201; POLS& 101, 202; SOC& 101
General Electives (Minimum 25 Credits)	Recommended: ENGL 247, HIST 246, 247

Where can I transfer and what does my chosen four-year school require?

Before choosing classes, become familiar with the four-year program where you want to apply: visit the website, email the department, and/or speak with a Shoreline advisor. Below are examples from Washington schools with different admissions and graduation requirements. Check with the school for world language requirements. (Non-native speakers of English are often exempt from this requirement.)

School	Transfer Information	School	Transfer Information
Eastern Washington University	http://tinyurl.com/gqpzhng	University of Washington – Seattle	http://tinyurl.com/hm3uecl
Northwestern University	http://tinyurl.com/gqnb2h	Washington State University	http://tinyurl.com/jk3a2v2
The Evergreen State College	http://tinyurl.com/zhvj3s		

**** This unofficial guide is intended to support you as you prepare for your major. Please consult with an advisor and your chosen four-year school(s), as program and admissions requirements vary and may change without notice.**