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**Program overview**

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The goals of the Black Studies minor include:

- Emphasizing the African and African-American contribution to world development;
- Broadening and deepening students’ understanding of Africa, the African diaspora and the American identity; and
- Providing students with an opportunity to pursue a program of study relevant to their own experience and expose as many students as possible to African and African-American Studies.

**Curriculum outline**

The Black Studies Minor offers an innovative curriculum drawing upon research from the social sciences, humanities, arts, sciences, and education. The department is truly multidisciplinary, with faculty across many areas of expertise including Art History, English, Political Science, Music, Women’s and Gender Studies, Sociology, Crime and Justice Studies, History, and more.

Course offerings include:

- African-American Literature
- Ethnic Politics
- Women Writers
- Modern Africa
- The Politics of Policing
- Jazz: A Listener’s Guide
- Civil Rights Movements in the United States
- Cape Verdean Politics & Society
- Religion and Music of the African Diaspora
- Abolitionism

**Sample Career Opportunities**

- Social and Community Service Managers (median salary: $67,150)
- Lawyers (median salary: $122,960)
- Political Scientists (median salary: $122,220)

**Sample Internship Sites**

- Immigrant Family Services Institute
- Public Higher Education Network of Massachusetts
- Coalition of Social Justice
- Greater Boston Legal Services

**Sample Graduate School Placements**

- Howard University
- Simmons College
- Duke University
- Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

**Sample Career Placements**

- High Point & Affiliated Organizations
- Massachusetts Trial Court
- Berklee College of Music

**Undergraduate Experiences + Black Studies**

**Frederick Douglass Unity House**

The Frederick Douglass Unity House is an intercultural center that empowers and transforms the student experience, through activities and initiatives designed to challenge, foster and enrich the cultural life of the UMassD community. The Unity House places a particular emphasis on providing a supportive environment for the academic, cultural, recreational, and social pursuits of UMassD’s ALANA students—African/Black, Latino, Asian/Pacific Islander, and Native American/Indigenous—and social justice allies.

**Honors College**

Take advanced courses, pursue research, and be part of a community of scholars

**Study Abroad**

Earn academic credits and gain a global perspective on your field

**Undergraduate Research**

Faculty work with students on cutting-edge research projects

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