

BLACK WORLD STUDIES

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Loyola University Chicago's College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) offers undergraduates a comprehensive liberal arts education that introduces them to various disciplines and viewpoints in the natural sciences, social sciences, and humanities. CAS students develop valuable career and life skills, including critical thinking, strong verbal and writing abilities, comprehensive general knowledge, social awareness, and research competencies. As the largest of Loyola's 10 schools, CAS has extensive resources, providing students with modern labs and electronic classrooms, opportunities to participate actively in research, and a distinguished faculty of teacher-scholars.

Recent growth and renovation at both Loyola's Lake Shore and Water Tower Campuses have enhanced living and learning for students. Recent additions to the Lake Shore Campus include the Norville Center for Intercollegiate Athletics, a state-of-the-art facility that includes a new strength and conditioning center, a sports medicine facility, student athlete activity spaces, and offices for athletics administrators. Future enhancements include a new student union and academic building, among others.

For more information about what's new at Loyola, visit

» [LUC.edu/undergrad/whatsnew](https://luc.edu/undergrad/whatsnew).



Picturesque Lake Shore Campus, situated on the shore of Lake Michigan and located on Chicago's North Side, is home to more than 3,400 undergraduate resident students.

THE MAJOR

BA in Black World Studies

Loyola's Black World Studies (BWS) major allows students to become informed and knowledgeable in dialogues concerning the historical, sociological, literary, cultural, and spiritual dimensions of Black life in the U.S. and in specific African contexts. Inaugurated in 1971 as a minor, Black World Studies was the first interdisciplinary program in Loyola's College of Arts and Sciences. The current Black World Studies major educates individuals working in social and public service organizations who seek to enhance their awareness of racial, cultural, and ethnic differences.

Although the continent of Africa has a vast history and rich culture, it faces significant challenges, including a shortage of clean water, dwindling food supplies, famine, war, and disease. Black World Studies provides students with an understanding of these global issues confronting African people and their descendants. Graduates will be prepared to address these and other human environmental crises.

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Students pursuing the Black World Studies major develop an understanding of the history of enslavement of Africans in the Western Hemisphere as this history relates to current issues of race and racism in America and elsewhere. During the course of their studies, students conduct research and share their knowledge with groups that are nationally, ethnically, and politically diverse. Students are also encouraged to participate in internships, service-learning experiences, and study abroad opportunities. These educational activities prepare students for life in a complex, diverse world where good citizenship is highly valued.

Black World Studies is also useful to students planning to work in social and political service organizations. Students in this major learn to:

- Appreciate the contributions of the Black world to religion, literature, performance, and the arts.
- Master the research methods traditionally used to study Africa and her scattered people and their cultures.
- Understand the impact and politics of language and culture and its use in various settings, both formal and informal.
- Examine the implications for poor and disenfranchised populations who are often the victims of a disingenuous research agenda.
- Develop critical thinking and writing skills in the discourses comprising the discipline.
- Apply the disciplinary knowledge acquired in the service of people of color and become aware of employment opportunities based on acquired disciplinary specialization.
- Recognize the significant achievements of people of color in the United States and in global contexts.
- Become sensitive to and tolerant of differences with regard to race, class, gender, sexual orientation, age, ethnicity, and religion.
- Apply research methods acquired in the BWS course sequence.
- Associate with a social service or community organization or other internship opportunity.
- Demonstrate proficiency in writing through construction of a paper based on the acquired research methodology and hands-on field study or internship experience.
- Build the capacity to become social change agents.

Major Requirements

The Black World Studies major requires 11 courses (33 credit hours):

- Four foundation courses (12 credit hours)
- Four courses (12 credit hours) from one area of concentration (history, literature and the arts, or social science)
- Three elective courses (nine credit hours)

FOUNDATION COURSES *(Complete all four)*

- BWS 102** Introduction to Black World Studies
BWS 202 Culture, Identity, and Performance
BWS 304 Research Methods in Black World Studies
BWS 397 Capstone Requirement

One Area of Concentration (Complete four courses in any one of the following three concentrations; at least two of these courses need to be 200 level or higher and at least one additional course needs to be 300 level or higher.)

HISTORY CONCENTRATION

Choose four courses:

- BWS 111** Survey of Islamic History (History, HIST 109)
BWS 300 History of Islam in Africa (HIST 300)
BWS 302 Islam in the African American Experience (HIST 380A)
BWS 363 Civil War and Reconstruction (HIST 363)
BWS 371 American Social History: Race and Ethnicity (HIST 371)
BWS 374 Black Politics (HIST 374)
BWS 379 African American History to 1865 (HIST 379)
BWS 380 African American History since 1865 (HIST 380)
BWS 386 African History to 1600 (HIST 350)
BWS 387 African History since 1600 (HIST 351)
BWS 388 U.S. History: Rebels and Reformers (HIST 381)

LITERATURE AND THE ARTS CONCENTRATION

Choose four courses:

- BWS 109** Jazz Band (Music, MUSC 109)
BWS 158 Introduction to Gospel Music (MUSC 158)
BWS 159 Introduction to Jazz (MUSC 156)
BWS 251 African American Art (Fine Arts, FNAR 251)
BWS 254 History of African American Music (MUSC 250)
BWS 280 Francophone Literature: Africa and the Caribbean (Literature in Translation, LITR 280)
BWS 282 African American Literature (English, ENGL 282)
BWS 316 Caribbean Literature in English (ENGL 316)
BWS 384 African Literature in English (ENGL 314)
BWS 389 Advanced Study of African American Literature (ENGL 389)
BWS 396 African American Theatre (Theatre, THTR 396)

SOCIAL SCIENCES CONCENTRATION

Choose four courses:

- BWS 110** International Relations (Political Science, PLSC 102)
BWS 122 Race and Ethnic Relations (Sociology, SOCL 122)
BWS 213 Contemporary African Cultures (Anthropology, ANTH 213)
BWS 214 African American Anthropology (ANTH 214)
BWS 218 African American Politics (Political Science, PLSC 218)

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- BWS 228** Sociology of African American Experience (SOCL 228)
BWS 250 Inequality in Society (SOCL 250)
BWS 340 International Relations of Africa (PLSC 340)
BWS 342 African Political Systems (PLSC 342)
BWS 361 Anthropology of Race and Ethnicity (ANTH 361)
BWS 372 Crime, Race, and Violence (Criminal Justice, CRMJ 372)
BWS 390 Psychology of Racial/Ethnic Experience (PSYC 398)

ELECTIVES

Choose three additional courses (BWS 103–201, BWS 203–303, BWS 305–396, BWS 399–499) that have not been taken from your concentration. Of the three elective courses taken, at least one of them needs to be 200 level or higher and at least one additional course needs to be 300 level or higher.

- BWS 104** Gospel Choir (MUSC 104)
BWS 114 Introduction to the Qur'an (Theology, THEO 114)
BWS 199 Moral Problems: Poverty/Age of Globalization (THEO 192)
BWS 199 Moral Problems: Racism (THEO 192)
BWS 199 Moral Problems: HIV/AIDS in Global Perspective (THEO 192)
BWS 219 Intercultural Communication (Communication, COMM 218)
BWS 271 World Cultures (ANTH 271)
BWS 277 World Religions (THEO 177)
BWS 279 Early African Christianity (THEO 176B)
BWS 288 African American Religious Experience (THEO 176)
BWS 297 African American Cinema (COMM 260)
BWS 297 Globalization and Local Cultures (selected sections) (ANTH 271)
BWS 355 Art of Africa (FNAR 355)
BWS 361 American Black Men (Social Work, SOWK 361)
BWS 385 Race Theory (PHIL389)
BWS 395 Comparative Race Relations (SOCL 370)
BWS 395 African American Theology (THEO 312)
BWS 435 African-Centered Psychology (Counseling Psychology, CPSY 435)

Other elective courses may be available with the director's consultation and permission.

Minor Requirements

The Black World Studies minor requires five courses (15 credit hours), including one foundational course (BWS 102 or BWS 202) and four BWS electives, two of which must be chosen from a single department. At least one of the four electives needs to be 200 level or higher and at least one additional elective course needs to be 300 level or higher.

Core Curriculum

- Focuses on desired knowledge, skills, and values in addition to academic disciplines.
- Includes 45 credit hours of coursework, developing important skills through 10 required areas of knowledge:
 - Important skills include communication, critical thinking, ethical awareness, information literacy, quantitative and qualitative analysis, research methods, and technological literacy.
 - Required areas include college writing seminar(s), artistic knowledge and experience, historical knowledge, literary knowledge, scientific literacy, societal and cultural knowledge, philosophical knowledge, theological and religious studies, and ethics.
- "Values Across the Curriculum" requirements:
 - 12 credit hours completed through the Core, major, or electives, focusing on:
 - Understanding and promoting justice
 - Understanding diversity in the United States and the world
 - Understanding spirituality or faith in action in the world
 - Promoting civic engagement or leadership
 - Makes up about one-third of a student's Loyola academic experience, complemented by the major and electives.
 - Incorporates great flexibility with myriad courses from which to choose for each required area. Courses may be completed at any time during a student's Loyola education.
 - For more information, please visit [LUC.edu/core](https://luc.edu/core)

Black World Studies and the Core Curriculum

Of the 11 courses required for a BWS major and of the five courses required for a BWS minor, the following BWS courses count for both a Knowledge Area and Values Area of Loyola's Core Curriculum.

KNOWLEDGE AREA

Artistic Knowledge or Experience (one course, three credit hours)

BWS 109 (MUSC 109) Jazz Band (one credit hour)

Historical Knowledge (two courses, six credit hours)

BWS 111 (HIST 109) Survey of Islamic History

Literary Knowledge or Experience (two courses, six credit hours)

BWS 282 (ENGL 282) African American Literature

Societal and Cultural Knowledge (two courses, six credit hours)

BWS 110 (PLSC 102) International Politics

BWS 122 (SOCL 122) Race and Ethnic Relations

BWS 271 (ANTH 271) World Cultures

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Theological and Religious Studies Knowledge (two courses, six credit hours)

BWS 114 (THEO 114) Introduction to the Qur'an

BWS 277 (THEO 177) World Religions

BWS 279 (THEO 176B) Early African Christianity

BWS 288 (THEO 176) African American Religious Experience

Ethics (one course, three credit hours)

BWS 199 (THEO 192) Moral Problems: Poverty/Age of Globalization

BWS 199 (THEO 192) Moral Problems: Immigration

BWS 199 (THEO 192) Moral Problems: HIV/AIDS in Global Perspective

VALUES AREA

Understanding Diversity in the U.S. or the World (one course, three credit hours)

BWS 122 (SOCL 122) Race and Ethnic Relations

BWS 271 (ANTH 271) World Cultures

BWS 277 (THEO 177) World Religions

BWS 282 (ENGL 282) African American Literature

BWS 288 (THEO 176) African American Religious Experience

Understanding Spirituality or Faith in Action in the World (one course, three credit hours)

BWS 199 (THEO 192) Moral Problems: Poverty/Age of Globalization

BWS 199 (THEO 192) Moral Problems: Racism

BWS 199 (THEO 192) Moral Problems: HIV/AIDS in Global Perspective

BWS 277 (THEO 177) World Religions

BWS 279 (THEO 176B) Early African Christianity

BWS 288 (THEO 176) African American Religious Experience

Understanding and Promoting Justice (one course, three credit hours)

BWS 199 (THEO 192) Moral Problems: Poverty/Age of Globalization

BWS 199 (THEO 192) Moral Problems: Racism

BWS 199 (THEO 192) Moral Problems: HIV/AIDS in Global Perspective

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