

MASTERS IN **African-American Studies**



OVERVIEW

The Master in African American Studies Program connects with the core courses (18 credit hours) of the Master of Ministry Degree (Pastoral Studies) currently offered by Huntsville Bible College. This 18 credit hour study emphasizes the history and tradition of the African American culture and the contributions they made to society, the church and civil rights movement. The philosophy and works of African American religious and civic leaders through God's guidance in their life will be explored.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of the degree, the student will be able to:

1. Facilitate church discussions on many of the early traditions and experiences of African Americans.
2. Demonstrate a functional understanding of theological concepts that will help others in the church and in the community to develop a greater understanding of God and the universe.
3. Explain and defend the value of critical thinking in decision making with respect to one's relationship with God and the universe.
4. Place the freedom movements of African Americans in the social order of movements by races that enhanced the meaning and scope of democracy in American and inspired hope for people throughout the world.
5. Relate the cultural-political-theological beliefs of the African American coupled with the faith in God as the Deliverer from sin and its socioeconomic-political-relational estrangements as well as in God as a provider for the substance of life amidst oppressive constructs..
6. Serve as a resource on African American traditions and contributions to family, church, school and community groups in this American democracy.
7. Exhibit appreciation for African American writers of historical significance and current items and events.
8. Participate in local, state and national dialogs on matters of race relations, equal social justice, and human dignity.

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YEAR 1 (Core)

<u>First Year</u>	<u>Fall Semester</u>	<u>Credit Hours</u>
RR 610	Research Writing	3
BL 611	Advanced Old Testament Studies	3
BL 631	Biblical Hermeneutics	3

<u>First Year</u>	<u>Spring Semester</u>	<u>Credit Hours</u>
BL 622	Advanced New Testament Studies	3
TH 631	Contemporary Christian Theological Issues	3
LD 622	Spiritual Formation & Ethics	3
		<u>18</u>

YEAR 2

<u>Second Year</u>	<u>Fall Semester</u>	<u>Credit Hours</u>
AA 630	Introduction to African -American Studies	3
AA 634	African Traditional Religion & Thought	3
AA 636	Political Philosophy of African-American Leaders	3

<u>Second Year</u>	<u>Spring Semester</u>	<u>Credit Hours</u>
AA 640	African-American Literature	3
AA 644	The Civil Rights Movement	3
AA 646	Race, Class and Gender in America-And Ethical Overview	3
		<u>18</u>