The BAMS major with a Concentration in Black Gender Studies (BGS) consists of the same required courses for the general major. The concentration requires three (3) additional courses or nine (9) additional credits. BAMS concentrations allow BAMS majors to focus in areas where there is already demonstrated interest and ample courses, and where the additional focus may serve the student’s interest in pursuing advanced degrees in journalism, writing and literature, law and public policy.

The Concentration in Black Gender Studies (BGS) focuses on the life experiences of people of African descent in order to understand the complexities of the world, cultures, regions, and academic disciplines through the lens of gender. This concentration will examine issues related to sexuality, the body, race, class, business, health, artistic movements, law, media, sociology, psychology, as well as other academic disciplines in order to study the meaning of “male” and “female” as it relates to social roles and sexual identities.

Students who enroll in the Black Gender Studies Concentration must take three (3) courses or nine (9) credits from among those listed below.

**CONCENTRATION CURRICULUM ELECTIVES (9 Credits)**

- **BAMS 298/WOMS 298** Research on Race, Ethnicity and Culture 1  
- **BAMS 327/PHIL 327** Race, Gender, Science 3  
- **BAMS 334/HIST 334** African American Women’s History 3  
- **BAMS 350** Race and Work in the United States 3  
- **BAMS 351/ANTH 351** Race and Ethnicity in Latin America 3  
- **BAMS 352** Black Feminist Theory 3  
- **BAMS 373** Psychosocial Elements of Hip-hop in the Black Community 3  
- **BAMS 381** Understanding Black Men in the Streets and in Prison 3  
- **BAMS 415/SOCI 415** Race, Class and Gender 3  
- **BAMS 418/SOCI 418** Race, Gender and Poverty 3  
- **BAMS 420/SOCI 420** Race and Sexuality 3

**TOTAL ADDITIONAL CREDITS FOR THE BGS CONCENTRATION:** 9

*Note that a grade of C- or better is required for a course to count towards the major in Black American Studies with a concentration in Black Art, Literature & Cultural Studies. A required BAMS course cannot satisfy both a major core requirement and a concentration elective (only 3 credits can apply).*