AFRICAN AMERICAN AND AFRICAN STUDIES

College of Arts and Letters

300 Survey in Africana Studies
Fall, Summer. 3(3-0) Summer: Detroit: R: Approval of department.
Core conceptual elements of Africana Studies discipline and peoples (African American, Africans, and African Diasporas), including topics in race, identity, the Black condition, representational discourses, discrimination, oppression, resistance and alternative agency. Field trip required.

490 Independent Study in African American and African Studies
Fall, Spring, Summer. 1 to 3 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 6 credits in all enrollments for this course. P: Completion of Tier I Writing Requirement R: Open to undergraduates in the African American and African Studies Specialization or in the African American History and Culture Specialization.
Independent study in select and specialized topics in African American, African Diaspora and African Studies: special projects, directed reading and research.

495 Advanced Research in African American and African Studies
Spring, Summer of odd years. 3(3-0) Summer: Africa. P: Completion of Tier I Writing Requirement R: Open to undergraduates in the African American and African Studies Specialization or in the African American History and Culture Specialization. SA: AL 495
Advanced undergraduate research course in African American, African and African Diaspora Studies. Review of interdisciplinary topics that inform these Africana regions, including slavery, race, colonialism, and human rights, identity and discourse and political philosophies, including Black Nationalism, African Centered paradigms, and Black Feminism. Participation in the University Undergraduate Research and Arts Forum. Field trip required.

341 Writing Nature and the Nature of Writing
Fall of odd years. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Writing, Rhetoric and American Cultures. Administered by Writing, Rhetoric and American Cultures. P: Completion of Tier I writing requirement. R: Open to students in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources or in the Professional Writing major or approval of department. SA: AL 341
Writing- and reading-intensive course focusing on the language of scientists, poets, essayists, naturalists, environmentalists, and biologists, and on their various responses to and representations of the natural environment.

364 Ecological Problem Solving
Spring. 3(2-2) P: (MTH 124 or concurrently) or (MTH 132 or concurrently) or (LB 115 or concurrently) and (STT 224 or STT 231 or STT 241) and (ZOL 355 or BE 230)
Application of ecological concepts and models to problems in natural resource and ecosystem management.

829 Introduction to African Studies
Fall, Spring. 3(3-0) R: Open to graduate students. SA: AL 829
Role that Africa plays in shaping Black Studies. From the original Pan Africanist writings of 19th century scholars, WEB DuBois and Edward Blyden to the more contemporary tripartite ideological perspectives on the study of Africa placing Africans and African scholars at the construction and center of critical analysis.

830 Introduction to African American Studies
Fall. 3(3-0) R: Open to graduate students. SA: AL 830
Builds on Manning Marable’s disciplinary mission for Black Studies with the foundational principles, themes and elements of the Black Studies field of study anchored by the African American experience. Prepares students to conduct advanced research study and specialized knowledge production required for dissertation study of African Americans.

831 Introduction to African Diaspora Studies
Fall, Spring. 3(3-0) P: AAAS 829 and AAAS 830 R: Open to graduate students. SA: AL 831
African Diaspora on a global scale; regarding broad issues of disciplinary scaffolding and definition, foundational debates, and a selection of key themes driving recent scholarship in this field. Topics include case studies of the Yoruba Diaspora and the Mande Atlantic, creolization and fluidity, Africa’s role in the making of the Americas, Africa in the Colombian exchange, spiritual communities, transatlantic slavery and liberation.

832 Multicultural Pedagogy in African American and African Studies
Fall, Spring. 3(3-0) P: (AAAS 829 or concurrently) and (AAAS 830 or concurrently) and (AAAS 831 or concurrently) R: Open to graduate students. SA: AL 832
A methodological, theoretical and experiential framework for its participants to obtain a better understanding of the appropriate supervision and mentoring of the multi-cultural and diverse undergraduate learner.

890 Independent Study in African American and African Studies
Fall, Spring. Summer. 3(3-0) P: AAAS 829 and AAAS 830 R: Open to graduate students. SA: AL 890
Faculty-supervised independent graduate study in African American and African Studies.

891 Special Topics in African American and African Studies
Fall, Spring. Summer. 3(3-0) A student may earn a maximum of 0 credits AAAS 891 R: Open to graduate students. SA: AL 891
Special topics in African American, African and African Diaspora Studies.

893A Domestic Internship in African American and African Studies
Fall, Spring. 1 to 2 credits. P: AAAS 829 and AAAS 830 and AAAS 831 R: Open to graduate students. SA: AL 893A
Internship with community based organizations, non-governmental organizations or educational and governmental institutions whose core entrepreneurial activity and mission is to work with African American, African or African descendant communities and policy issues. Field trips required.

893C International Internship in African American and African Studies
Fall, Spring, Summer. 1 to 2 credits. P: AAAS 829 and AAAS 830 and AAAS 831 R: Open to graduate students. SA: AL 893C
Internship with international community based organizations, non-governmental organizations or educational and governmental institutions whose core entrepreneurial activity and mission is to work with African American, African or African descendant communities and policy issues. Field trips required.

898 Master’s Research
Fall, Spring. Summer. 1 to 3 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 3 credits in all enrollments for this course. P: AAAS 829 and AAAS 830 and AAAS 831 or approval of department R: Open to graduate students in the African American and African Studies major. Approval of department.
Directed research in support of Plan B master’s program requirements.

899 Master’s Thesis Research
Fall, Spring. Summer. 2 to 4 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 4 credits in all enrollments for this course. P: AAAS 829 and AAAS 830 and AAAS 831 or approval of department R: Open to graduate students in the African American and African Studies major.
Master’s thesis research.

999 Doctoral Dissertation Research
Fall, Spring. Summer. 1 to 6 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 50 credits in all enrollments for this course. P: AL 829 and AL 830 and AL 831 and AL 832 R: Open to graduate students in the African American and African Studies major.
Doctoral dissertation research.