AFRICAN AMERICAN AND AFRICAN STUDIES

College of Arts and Letters

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 Americans, Africans and African Diasporas), including topics in race, identity, the Black condition, representational discourses, discrimination, oppression, resistance and alternative agency. Field trip required.

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 undergraduate students 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.

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 RB: ISS 215 R: Open to undergraduate students 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, civil 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.

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 Byden 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.

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.

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.

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;
Faculty-supervised independent graduate study in African American and African Studies.

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. Special topics in African American, African and African Diaspora Studies.

Domestic Internship in African American and African Studies
Fall, Spring, Summer. 1 to 2 credits. P: AAAS 829 and AAAS 830 and AAAS 831 and AAAS 832 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. Facilitates the “communal component” of the discipline.

International Internship in African American and African Studies
Fall, Spring, Summer. 1 to 2 credits. P: AAAS 829 and AAAS 830 and AAAS 831 and AAAS 832 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 or African descendant communities and policy issues. Field trips required.

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.

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: AAAS 829 and AAAS 830 and AAAS 831 and AAAS 832 R: Open to graduate students in the African American and African Studies major.
Doctoral dissertation research.