AFRICAN STUDIES

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 concepts 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, Africana 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 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 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.

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.

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. 1 to 3 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 12 credits in all enrollments for this course. 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. 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. 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 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.