

AFRICANA STUDIES PROGRAM

Interdisciplinary Major

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The program seeks to promote greater understanding of the historical, cultural, and socio-economic developments in the black community, nationally and globally. Africana studies undergraduates take classes across disciplines. This is an excellent program for students who are intellectually curious and passionate about social justice and community activism.

Degrees Offered

- Minor in Africana Studies (<https://catalog.utoledo.edu/undergraduate/arts-social-sciences-education/interdisciplinary-studies/africana-studies/minor-africana-studies/>)

AFST 1100 Introduction To Africana Studies

[3 credit hours]

Introductory survey of basic theoretical concepts to analyze the Black experience, with special focus on the general historical process common to the African Diaspora (Africa, Caribbean and the Americas - South, Central and North, especially the USA.)

Term Offered: Spring, Summer, Fall
Multicultural US Diversity

AFST 1200 Introduction To The African Experience

[3 credit hours]

Introduction to the African experience through case studies of critical historical experiences: origin of humanity, origin of civilization, empire and traditional society.

Term Offered: Spring, Summer, Fall
Multicultural Non-US Diversity

AFST 2100 Foundations Of Black Intellectual History

[3 credit hours]

An examination of slavery and colonialism in the intellectual history of the African Diaspora, especially in the work of W.E.B. DuBois, C.L.R. James and Kwame Nkrumah.

Prerequisites: AFST 1100 with a minimum grade of D- or AFST 1200 with a minimum grade of D-

Term Offered: Spring
Multicultural US Diversity

AFST 2220 History Of Jazz

[3 credit hours]

A study of the development of jazz styles, including listening skills and historical perspectives. Because the major innovations and styles of jazz are a result of contributions from African Americans and other ethnicities, the course includes a study of how different time periods influenced the development of jazz and our culture. Students may take P/NC.

Term Offered: Spring, Summer, Fall
Core Arts & Humanities, Multicultural US Diversity, OT36 Arts and Humanities

AFST 2660 African Politics

[3 credit hours]

The character and development of African political institutions and processes with a special emphasis on patterns in the post-independence period and prospects for the future.

Term Offered: Spring, Summer, Fall
Multicultural Non-US Diversity

AFST 3600 Entrepreneurship and the Black Community

[3 credit hours]

Explores the gap between entrepreneurial aspirations and the actual entrepreneurial enterprises in the black community. Examines the subject in a socio/historical context. Diverse sociological perspectives, methodologies and analyses are employed. Student would need 3 hours of Soci-Science or 3 hours of AFST.

Term Offered: Spring, Fall
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AFST 3700 African Women & the Environment

[3 credit hours]

Overview of empirical evidence and interpretive models of African women with reference to environment. Specific topics: African women managing natural resources; implications of climate change in Africa; ecology and feminism. Student will need 3 hours of Soci-Science or 3 hours of AFST.

Term Offered: Spring, Fall

AFST 3800 Ecotourism: Studies of the Africana World

[3 credit hours]

Introduce students to the field of ecotourism studies and specific challenges of community development and sustainability. The course covers ecotourism in the Africana world of Africa, the Caribbean, and Latin America.

Term Offered: Spring, Fall

AFST 3900 Perspectives on African American Education

[3 credit hours]

Covers the history and cultural heritage of African Americans and an in-depth knowledge of experiences of African American student populations in preparation for a variety of career fields, including education, social work, criminal justice, business, nursing, and other professions. Examines key debates and policy proposals to better understand current issues impacting African American student populations. U.S. Diversity

Term Offered: Spring, Fall
Multicultural US Diversity

AFST 4660 African American Literature In The 20th and 21st Century

[3 credit hours]

A course focused on 20th and 21st century African American poetry, fiction, nonfiction, and drama.

Term Offered: Spring, Summer, Fall
Multicultural US Diversity

AFST 4900 Senior Seminar

[3 credit hours]

General theoretical synthesis of the field focusing on a close reading of a recent biographical work of intellectual history, a recent work of cultural criticism and a recent work of social analysis.

Term Offered: Spring, Summer, Fall

AFST 4910 Directed Research

[1-6 credit hours]

Student selected research topic under the supervision of faculty member and the Director of Africana Studies. Permission to enroll is contingent on a written proposal by the student being accepted by the two sponsoring faculty.

Term Offered: Spring, Summer

AFST 4920 Directed Readings

[1-6 credit hours]

For advanced students wishing to read a specialized literature in the field. Requires a written proposal approved by faculty and Director of the Program.

Prerequisites: AFST 1100 with a minimum grade of D- or AFST 1200 with a minimum grade of D-

AFST 4980 Special Topics In Africana Studies

[3 credit hours]

Discussion of a substantial issue in scholarly research or public discourse relative to the African Diaspora. May be repeated for different issues. Maximum number of hours for AFST 4980 should not exceed 9 semester hours.

Term Offered: Spring, Summer, Fall

Honors in Africana Studies

Majors in Africana Studies are strongly encouraged to pursue program honors. In order to earn program honors, the student must:

1. Have a minimum AFST GPA of 3.3 and a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.
2. Submit two papers from different, advanced AFST courses to Program Director. These courses will also satisfy the AFST elective or upper division seminar requirements.
3. Write a thesis or complete a service-learning project under the direction of an AFST-affiliated faculty member. Students must enroll in Honors Thesis in AFST. Participation in the University Honors College is not required for those seeking program honors.
4. Honors Thesis AFST (3 hours) will count as an elective course in the required courses for the major.