

# AFRICANA STUDIES (AFST)

## 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 stylistic interpretations of jazz are a result of African Americans, the course includes a study of how their culture influenced the development of jazz. 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  
Multicultural US Diversity

## 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