

# AFRICAN AND AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES (AFAM)

Courses primarily for undergraduates:

## **AFAM 2010: Introduction to African American Studies**

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

An interdisciplinary introduction to the study of African American culture. Includes history, the social sciences, literature, religion, and the arts, as well as conceptual frameworks for investigation and analysis of the African American experience. Meets U.S. Diversity Requirement. (Typically Offered: Fall, Spring)

## **AFAM 3100: Africa to 1880**

(Cross-listed with HIST 3100).

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

*Prereq: Sophomore classification*

Survey of the history of African societies, cultures and civilizations from earliest times to 1880. Evolution of states across the continent; social, economic, political, and cultural developments; nature and consequences of African interactions and relationship with Europeans. Meets International Perspectives Requirement.

## **AFAM 3110: Africa under Colonial Rule**

(Cross-listed with HIST 3110).

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

*Prereq: Sophomore classification*

Development of Africa from imposition of colonial rule to independence, including processes of European domination, African reaction and resistance, emergence of nationalism, and dismantling of colonialism. Meets International Perspectives Requirement.

## **AFAM 3270: Strategies of Resistance: From Slavery to Hip-Hop & Black Lives Matter**

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

*Prereq: Sophomore classification*

Analysis of strategies of resistance and protest against inequality within African American communities; emphasis on the historical, socio-political and economic contexts in which resistance emerges; includes examination of contemporary forms of protests.

## **AFAM 3300: Ethnic and Race Relations**

(Cross-listed with SOC 3300).

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Analysis of ethnic and race relations, particularly in America; emphasis on the sociology and psychology of race and ethnic relations. Meets U.S. Diversity Requirement. (Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer)

## **AFAM 3340: Africana Religions**

(Cross-listed with RELIG 3340).

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

A focused study of the religious histories and cultures of West Africans and their descendants in the Americas. Topics include West African traditions, Christianity, Islam, and indigenous Afro-Caribbean religions, with attention to their gendered, theological, and cultural dimensions. Prior course work in Religious Studies or African American Studies recommended. Meets U.S. Diversity Requirement. (Typically Offered: Fall)

## **AFAM 3350: Race, Ethnicity, and the US Criminal Justice System**

(Cross-listed with CJ 3350).

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 2, Discussion 1.

*Prereq: AFAM 2010 or CJ 2400*

Empirical and theoretical readings on the intersection of race, ethnicity, crime, and the criminal justice system in contemporary society. Topics include, but are not limited to racial and ethnic relations in society, media, violence, policing, and disparity and discrimination in crime and punishment. Criminological theories of racial and ethnic antagonism. Meets U.S. Diversity Requirement.

## **AFAM 3470: African American Literature**

(Cross-listed with ENGL 3470).

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

*Prereq: ENGL 2500*

Focused study of literature by African American writers. May include focus on a particular genre (fiction, non-fiction, poetry, film, drama, media), author, event, movement, or theme.

## **AFAM 3500: Women of Color in the U.S**

(Cross-listed with WGS 3500).

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

*Prereq: 3 credits in WGS or AFAM*

Economic, social, political and cultural roles of Women of Color in the U.S. Includes literary, philosophical, and artistic expressions. Myths and realities explored.

## **AFAM 3530: History of African Americans I**

(Cross-listed with HIST 3530).

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

*Prereq: Sophomore classification*

Examines African roots of black culture and the African American experience in the United States from the colonial period through the Civil War. Topics include Atlantic Slave Trade, slavery and American identity, abolition, the emergence of Black Nationalism, and black participation in the Civil War. Meets U.S. Diversity Requirement.

**AFAM 3540: History of African Americans II**

(Cross-listed with HIST 3540).

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

*Prereq: Sophomore classification*

Explores African American political thought and political action from Reconstruction to the present. Topics include rise of Jim Crow segregation, urban migration, Garvey movement, Harlem Renaissance, Depression and world wars, Pan-Africanism, civil rights, Black Power, and black feminism. Meets U.S. Diversity Requirement.

**AFAM 3550: Understanding Sub-Saharan Africa**

(Cross-listed with ANTHR 3550).

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

*Prereq: Sophomore classification*

Survey of economic, social, political and historical processes that have shaped representations of Africa and Africans. Topics include colonialism, globalization, gender and LGBTQ rights, conflict and representations in Western media. Offered even-numbered years. Meets International Perspectives Requirement. (Typically Offered: Spring)

**AFAM 4600: Seminar in African American Culture**

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Intensive study of a selected topic in African-American Studies in one or more disciplines. Selected readings of various authors, movements, eras, or genres. Primary and secondary source materials. (Typically Offered: Spring)

**AFAM 4730: Civil Rights and Ethnic Power**

(Cross-listed with HIST 4730/ USLS 4730).

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

*Prereq: Sophomore classification*

Comparative history of the civil rights and ethnic power movements (African American, Chicano, American Indian, Puerto Rican, among others) in the U.S. from World War II to the present. Topics include institutional foundations, leadership, gender and racial dynamics, and the convergences and divergences of these differing ethnic struggles for rights. Meets U.S. Diversity Requirement.

**AFAM 4900: Independent Study**

Credits: 1-3. Repeatable, maximum of 3 credits.

*Prereq: Instructor Permission for Course*