

AFRICAN AND AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES (AF AM)

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Courses primarily for undergraduates:

AF AM 201: Introduction to African American Studies

(3-0) Cr. 3. F.S.

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

AF AM 310: Africa to 1880

(Cross-listed with HIST). Cr. 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.

AF AM 311: Africa under Colonial Rule

(Cross-listed with HIST). (3-0) Cr. 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.

AF AM 327: Strategies of Resistance: From Slavery to Hip-Hop & Black Lives Matter

(3-0) Cr. 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.

AF AM 330: Ethnic and Race Relations

(Cross-listed with SOC). (3-0) Cr. 3. F.S.SS.

Prereq: SOC 134

Analysis of ethnic and race relations, particularly in America; emphasis on the sociology and psychology of race and ethnic relations.

AF AM 334: Africana Religions

(Cross-listed with RELIG). (3-0) Cr. 3. F.

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.

AF AM 335: Race, Ethnicity, and the US Criminal Justice System

(Cross-listed with C J). Cr. 3.

Prereq: AF AM 201 or C J 240

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.

AF AM 347: Studies in African American Literature

(Cross-listed with ENGL). (3-0) Cr. 3. Repeatable, maximum of 6 credits.

Prereq: ENGL 250

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.

AF AM 350: Women of Color in the U.S

(Cross-listed with WGS). (3-0) Cr. 3.

Prereq: 3 credits in WGS or AF AM

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

AF AM 353: History of African Americans I

(Cross-listed with HIST). (3-0) Cr. 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

AF AM 354: History of African Americans II

(Cross-listed with HIST). (3-0) Cr. 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

AF AM 355: Understanding Sub-Saharan Africa

(Cross-listed with ANTHR). (3-0) Cr. 3. Alt. S., offered even-numbered years.

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.

Meets International Perspectives Requirement.

AF AM 460: Seminar in African American Culture

(3-0) Cr. 3. S.

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.

AF AM 473: Civil Rights and Ethnic Power

(Cross-listed with HIST, US LS). (3-0) Cr. 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

AF AM 490: Independent Study

Cr. 1-3. Repeatable, maximum of 3 times.

Prereq: Permission of Instructor