African and African American Studies, Certificate

Do you want to advocate for social justice? Gaining a deeper understanding of African and African American peoples' culture and history and an in-depth knowledge of prominent issues in their communities can help you excel in fields such as law, business and medicine.

Description

The certificate program in African and African American studies examines the culture, arts, history, politics, economics and current status of Africans, African-Americans and the larger African diaspora, especially in the Caribbean, Central America and South America. The goal is to prepare students for lifelong learning, advanced study in a variety of fields, and successful careers and productive public service in an increasingly diverse society.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- **Location:** Tempe campus

Program Requirements

The certificate consists of 15 credit hours, at least 12 of which must be completed at the upper-division level. All courses used toward the certificate must be completed with a grade of "C" (2.00 on a 4.00 scale) or higher.

**Required Core Course -- 3 credit hours**
AFR 200: Introduction to Africana Studies (SB & G & H) (3)
AFR 210: Introduction to African American Studies (C) (3)

Elective Core Course -- 3 credit hours

AFR 300: Precolonial Africa (SB & G & H) (3)
AFR 301: Race and Racism in Africa/African Diaspora (SB & G) (3)
AFR 370: Family, Ethnic and Cultural Diversity (SB & C) or FAS 370: Family Ethnic and Cultural Diversity (SB & C) (3)
AFR 375: Race, Gender and Sport (SB & C) (3)

Three Content Courses (from following list) -- 9 credit hours

AFR 336 / ASB 336: African Art (HU & G) (3)
AFR 340: The Making of Modern Africa (SB & G & H) (3)
AFR 345 / JUS 345: Peoples and Cultures of the Caribbean (SB & G & H) (3)
AFR 350 / APA 350 / CDE 350 / SOC 350 / TCL 360 / JUS 365: Inequality and Diversity in Education (L & C) (3)
AFR 352: Borders, Prisons, and Suburbs (SB & C) or APA 352 / JUS 353: Borders, Prisons and Suburbs (SB & C) (3)
AFR 353 / AMS 353 / ENG 353 / ETH 353: African American Literature: Beginnings through the Harlem Renaissance ((L or HU) & C) (3)
AFR 354 / AMS 354 / ENG 354 / ETH 354: African American Literature: Harlem Renaissance to the Present ((L or HU) & C) (3)
AFR 363 / HST 333: African American History to 1865 (SB & H & C) (3)
AFR 364 / HST 334: African American History Since 1865 ((HU or SB) & C & H) (3)
AFR 365 / WST 364: Unruly Voices: Black Women and Cultural Narratives (HU & C) (3)
AFR 366 / ASB 366: African Archaeology: Precolonial Urban Culture (SB & H) (3)
AFR 372 / REL 362 / SGS 366: Islam and Islamic Societies in Africa: Social and Political History (G) (3)
AFR 373 / REL 363: Islam and World Affairs (G) (3)
AFR 420 / JUS 421: Race Ethnicity and Politics in the African Diaspora (SB & G) (3)
AFR 459 / ENG 459: Studies in African American/Caribbean Literatures ((L or HU) & G) (3)
AFR 466 / ASB 466: Peoples and Cultures of Africa (SB & G) (3)
AFR 470 / WST 471: Women's International Human Rights (3)
AFR 480 / REL 461 / SGS 442: Different Voices Within Contemporary Islamic Discourse (3)

Other courses may be used with approval from an academic advisor in the School of Social Transformation

Depending on a student's undergraduate program of study, prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this certificate.
Enrollment Requirements

A student pursuing an undergraduate certificate must be enrolled as a degree-seeking student at ASU. Undergraduate certificates are not awarded prior to the award of an undergraduate degree. A student already holding an undergraduate degree may pursue an undergraduate certificate as a nondegree-seeking graduate student.

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