African Studies (Graduate Certificate)

Program Description

Degree Awarded: Certificate African Studies (certificate)

The graduate certificate program in African studies focuses on interdisciplinary study of the peoples, history and cultures of Africa and the multifaceted experiences of people of African descent in Europe and the Americas. Students gain access to an extensive range of information and systematic knowledge committed to the new model of African and African diaspora studies that focuses on the intersections of race, culture and gender with transdisciplinary perspectives.

Courses examine interdisciplinary approaches to studying race, ethnicity, social justice, gender, citizenship and economic development. As this certificate program offers students an international dimension to the study of peoples and cultures of African descent, students invigorate their knowledge about global issues and further expand their research pursuits. This certificate program characterizes the faculty members' intellectual and research strengths and the curriculum's transdisciplinary strategies and research approaches that highlight the continuities and disjuncture of history and experiences throughout Africa and the diaspora.

At a Glance

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

Degree Requirements

15 credit hours

Required Core (3 credit hours)
AFR 502 Africa and African Diaspora World (3)
Electives (12 credit hours)

Admission Requirements

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's or master's degree, in any field, from a regionally accredited institution. Students who are not regularly admitted to a graduate degree program may still pursue the certificate.

Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program. When applicable, applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in a master's degree program.

Applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. proof of English proficiency

Additional Admission Information

An applicant whose native language is not English (regardless of current residency) must provide proof of English proficiency.

Official copies of transcripts must be submitted from all college and universities where the applicant earned a bachelor's or master's degree.

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