

African American Studies (AFAM)

AFAM 2020. Race, Class, and Gender. 3 Hours.

Also offered as WGST 2020. This 2000-level course is a core course, not an elective for the AFA minor. An exploration of social class, gender, and racial/ethnic relations as distinct, but linked dimensions of social inequality. Includes an examination of the historic underpinnings of discrimination by race, class, and gender and the present status of these issues.

AFAM 3000. Introduction to African American Studies. 3 Hours.

An introduction to key concepts, thematic concerns, and the theoretical and philosophical bases for African American Studies. To include perspectives and strategies for the analysis and understanding of the impact of African Americans on the socio-economic, cultural, political, and religious developments of America.

AFAM 3030. African to African American Philosophy and Religious Studies. 3 Hours.

Also offered as PHIL 3030, REL 3030, and NAIS 3030. An examination of philosophies and religious traditions which begin in Africa and move through the Caribbean into the Americas. The course emphasizes ontological and epistemological themes that begin in Africa and cross the Atlantic as well as Indigenous African influences in the philosophies and religions of the Caribbean and the Americas.

AFAM 3070. Health Care Issues of Vulnerable Populations in the U.S.. 3 Hours.

Also offered as NURS 3070. Prerequisite: SOCI 1101 or SOCI 1160 or permission of the instructor. Course is open to all majors. An examination of the historical, cultural, social, and political issues that render certain populations in the U.S. vulnerable to ill health. The course utilizes appropriate theories to study these issues, with emphasis on ameliorating the health of vulnerable populations. It will examine issues related to health care access and policies and program developed to reduce risks of disease and injury. It is also designed to raise an awareness of the disparities in health among certain groups, including the poor, ethnic minorities, high-risk women and children, the homeless, and uninsured and underinsured, among others.

AFAM 3090. Africa: Inequalities Past and Present. 3 Hours.

Also Offered as ANTH 3090. Prerequisite: ANTH 1102 or permission of instructor. The study and problems of social stratification in Africa from pre-colonial to modern times. Special attention will be paid to both intranational institutions (e.g., kinship, class, and ethnicity) and international political economy.

AFAM 3220. Studies in African American Literature. 3 Hours.

Also offered as ENGL 3220. Prerequisite: C or better in one of the following: ENGL 2111, ENGL 2111H, ENGL 2112, ENGL 2112H, ENGL 2113, ENGL 2113H, or ENGL 2060; or permission of instructor. A study of selected topics in African American literature. May be repeated, but only 3 hours may be counted toward distribution requirements for the AFAM minor.

AFAM 3225. Introduction to African American Literary Criticism. 3 Hours.

Also offered as ENGL 3225. Prerequisites: ENGL 2111 or 2111H, ENGL 2112 or 2112H, ENGL 2113 or 2113H, ENGL 2060, or permission of the instructor. A study of major voices in African American literary theory. This course emphasizes the development of interpretive frameworks for examining the literature from an African American cultural perspective.

AFAM 3230. Special Topics in African American Literature. 3 Hours.

Also offered as ENGL 3230. Prerequisites: ENGL 2111 or 2111H, ENGL 2112 or 2112H, ENGL 2113 or 2113H, ENGL 2060, or permission of the instructor. Studies in African American literature, focusing on selected topics.

AFAM 3320. Studies in African Literature. 3 Hours.

Also offered as ENGL 3320. Prerequisite: ENGL 2111 or ENGL 2111H, ENGL 2112 or ENGL 2112H, ENGL 2113 or ENGL 2113H, or ENGL 2060. A study of selected topics in African literature. May be repeated.

AFAM 3600. Special Topics in African American Studies. 3 Hours.

An in-depth study of selected special topics in African American Studies. May be repeated for credit, but only six hours may be counted toward the AFAM minor.

AFAM 4231. African American History to 1865. 3 Hours.

Also offered as HIST 4231. The history of the African Americans from their origin in Africa to the end of slavery in the U.S., with emphasis on their economic life and social thought.

AFAM 4232. African American History Since 1865. 3 Hours.

Also offered as HIST 4232. The history of the African American struggle for equality after emancipation, with special focus on the problems of black leadership from Frederick Douglass to the Black Panthers.

AFAM 4233. African American Cultural History. 3 Hours.

Also offered as HIST 4233. An examination of the evolution of African American cultural expression from slavery to the present, emphasizing in particular literature, theater, visual art, film, and music.

AFAM 4234. African American Intellectual History. 3 Hours.

Also offered as HIST 4234. An examination of intellectual history of African Americans from the 17th century to the present. Topics may include the role of black intellectuals in American society, changing conceptions of race, and the global context of African American thought.

AFAM 4511. Precolonial Africa. 3 Hours.

Also offered as HIST 4511. An analysis of the 8000-year-old cultures of the Nile Valley, including Egypt, Nubia, and Kush; West Africa and its contacts with the Middle East and Europe; the East African city-states and their contacts with India.

AFAM 4512. Modern Africa. 3 Hours.

Also offered as HIST 4512. Explores the European colonization of Africa and the African response. The course also examines the emergence of African nationalism and the problems of creating new states.

AFAM 4700. African American Studies Seminar. 3 Hours.

Prerequisite: AFAM 3000 and at least two AFAM 3000 level course electives. An interdisciplinary seminar on selected topics, providing a capstone experience.