African and African American Studies

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Graduate Certificate offered (non-degree): African and African American Studies

Program Description: The African and African American Studies program promotes an interdisciplinary approach to the study of the history, culture, and identity of Africans and African Americans. Graduate students may pursue an African and African American Studies Graduate Certificate after making application to the African and African American Studies program and the Graduate School.

Admission Requirements:
The following materials must be submitted to the Director of the AAST Program:

1. Application for Admission to the Certificate Program in African & African American Studies. The form is available from the Program Director and the program’s Web page.
2. Confirmation of admission to the University of Arkansas Graduate School.
3. Complete official transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate work.
4. Three letters of recommendation from former teachers, employers, or supervisors.
5. Statement of purpose describing academic interests and professional goals and how the Graduate Certificate fits into them.

Requirements for Graduate Certificate in African and African American Studies

In order to complete the Graduate Certificate in African & African American Studies, students must complete a total of 15 hours of coursework, which must include AAST 5003 Graduate Seminar in African & African American Studies (Irregular).

The remaining 12 hours of coursework must be approved by the Program Director and adhere to the following stipulations:

- A maximum of 9 of the 12 may come from courses taken in a single department
- At least 9 hours must be from courses numbered 5000 or higher
- A maximum of 3 hours may be earned through AAST 5103 Graduate Readings in African & African American Studies (Irregular)

Possible Courses:

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Additional courses numbered 4000 or higher may be approved by the Program Director for the Graduate Certificate if its subject matter focuses on the study of Africans or African Americans.

Courses

Introduction to graduate study of African & African American Studies through an interdisciplinary examination of the history of the discipline, research methods employed, and its relationship to other disciplines.

An exploration of African & African American Studies topics independently with a faculty member. Topic variable with permission of faculty member. May be repeated for up to 6 hours of degree credit.