African and African American Studies (AAST)

Courses

AAST 5003. Graduate Seminar in African & African American Studies. 3 Hours.
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. (Typically offered: Irregular)

AAST 5103. Graduate Readings in African & African American Studies. 3 Hours.
An exploration of African & African American Studies topics independently with a faculty member. Topic variable with permission of faculty member. (Typically offered: Irregular) May be repeated for up to 6 hours of degree credit.

AAST 5573. Black in the City. 3 Hours.
Covers the history of Black people’s relationship with the urban landscape. Students will use a wide array of primary sources to explore the ways in which Americans not only perceived the city but also sought to understand, master, and reimagine it and the uneven social and economic development that emerged as a consequence. (Typically offered: Fall and Spring Odd Years)

AAST 5673. Distant Relatives: The Global Black Diaspora. 3 Hours.
Examines the cultural, political, economic, and social experiences of different parts of the African diaspora in the Americas, with special attention to the Black Atlantic World, focusing on the making of the diaspora through slavery, the middle passage, and later coerced and voluntary migrations. (Typically offered: Spring Odd Years; Summer)

AAST 5903. Special Topics in African & African American Studies. 3 Hours.
Graduate level seminar with varied emphasis on topics relating to African & African American studies. (Typically offered: Irregular) May be repeated for up to 18 hours of degree credit.

AAST 5913. Independent Study in African and African American Studies. 3 Hours.
Graduate level independent study course with varied emphasis on topics relating to African and African American studies. (Typically offered: Irregular) May be repeated for up to 9 hours of degree credit.

AAST 6023. Destabilizing Queer Theory. 3 Hours.
Highlights constricted and racialized ways in which people generally visualize class, gender, race, and sexualities. Students will discuss the criticality of complex dynamics of visual politics in class, gender, race, and sexualities, and theoretical issues posed and negotiated by queer theory. (Typically offered: Irregular)
This course is cross-listed with ARED 6023.

AAST 6963. Visualizing Critical Race Theory. 3 Hours.
An examination of critical theoretical approaches to the concepts of race and racism. Students will examine the ways in which these constructs perform a critical function in the construction of race(s) and racism(s) and their relevance to visual culture. (Typically offered: Fall and Spring)
This course is cross-listed with PLSC 6963, ARED 6963.