AFRICANA STUDIES

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Dept. Code: AAS

Introduction
Africana Studies offers students the opportunity to confront and critically analyze distinctive Black intellectual and social-cultural traditions, and political-economic and historical structures. Situated in Miami, Florida, we are uniquely positioned in and between the US South and the Global South. Therefore, our translocal perspective finds blackness and Black people everywhere in the world. As the university’s center for Africana Studies, the Program reaches beyond undergraduate study—inviting a wide variety of local and international graduate students, artists, scholars, and community advocates into our intellectual community.

Africana Studies’ interdisciplinary structure offers students an opportunity to satisfy the increasingly rigorous expectations of graduate and professional school admissions committees and prospective employers, offering a broad liberal arts perspective that complements specialized knowledge of a field. Our curriculum and programmatic efforts uniquely help to prepare students to understand and effectively work toward social justice. We encourage all students, regardless of major, to enroll in Africana classes. Africana Studies can be taken either as a primary major, as one of two majors, or a minor.

Educational Objectives
1. To help students research, acquire, and disseminate information about the historical and social experiences of Africans and people of African descent on all sides of the Atlantic basin, but with special emphasis on the United States.
2. To facilitate students’ understanding of the multi-cultural, multi-ethnic, globalized society of our time.
3. To help students think critically about the global black experience.
4. To prepare students for graduate work and professional careers.

Departmental Honors
Carter G. Woodson Award - Best all-round student who combines intellectual excellence and community service.

Advanced Writing Requirement
To satisfy the College of Arts & Sciences writing requirement in the discipline, students majoring in Africana Studies should take at least one English course or one History course related to Africana Studies and is listed as an advanced writing course, and any Africana Studies course with the Writing Credit designation.

AAS 150. Introduction to Africana Studies. 3 Credit Hours.
Experiences of African American and other African-descended peoples with emphases on social, cultural, political, etc.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, & Summer.

AAS 290. Special Topics. 3 Credit Hours.
Content varies by semester.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

AAS 350. Black Leadership in the U.S.. 3 Credit Hours.
Black leaders and leadership organizations. Emphasis on their role in overcoming oppression and barriers to advancement.
Prerequisite: 3 Credits in AAS.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.

AAS 490. Senior Seminar in Africana Studies. 3 Credit Hours.
Content varies by semester.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.