AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES

Not all courses are offered every semester. Refer to the schedule of courses for each term’s specific offerings.

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Unless otherwise indicated in the course description, all courses at the University of Florida are taught in English, with the exception of specific foreign language courses.

Department Information

The African American Studies program is one of the fastest growing majors at UF. The degree program provides students with a variety of innovative courses by applying creative cultural methods of teaching while examining the African American experience.

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Curriculum

- African American Studies
- African American Studies Minor

Courses

AFA 2000 Introduction to African American Studies 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Integrated interdisciplinary exploration of selected themes and representative materials in the African American experience in North America, emphasizing continuity and change.
Attributes: General Education - Humanities, Satisfies 6000 Words of Writing Requirement

AFA 2151 Surveying African-American Culture 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
In-depth exploration of the rich and vast cultural heritage of African Americans. An interdisciplinary approach examines various modes of expression such as art, literature, music, sports, fashion, and social movements that have shaped African American culture from its roots in African aesthetics to modern-day popular culture. Highlights the significant contributions of African Americans to American culture, much of which are inspired by the pursuit of freedom, equality, and justice.

AFA 2390 Race and Sports in America 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Examine race, racism, and racialization in the sporting context in order to understand many salient issues in American society such as nationalism and patriotism, capitalism, sexism, oppression, etc. See the ways sports influence racial ideologies as well as the pervasiveness of racial oppression that exists on and off the playing field.

AFA 3110 Key Issues in African American and Black-Atlantic Thought 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
The leading voices of resistance and social change that have influenced African American intellectual history, black public consciousness, political action and social theory.
Prerequisite: AFA 2000.
Attributes: General Education - Diversity, General Education - Humanities, Satisfies 6000 Words of Writing Requirement

AFA 3223 African American History: 1865 to Today 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Examines the history of African Americans in the United States from the end of the Civil War in 1865 to the present day. Through readings, lectures, discussions, and research, explores the major political, social, and cultural events and movements that have shaped the lives of African Americans during this period.
Prerequisite: AFA 2000.

AFA 3240 The African Diaspora 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Overview of transnational fields of cultural contact, power and competing economic interests in which the African Diaspora developed.
Prerequisite: AFA 2000.
Attributes: Satisfies 6000 Words of Writing Requirement
AFA 3303 The Wire 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Critically examine various themes presented in the television show, The Wire. Major topics include the illegal drug trade, race and ethnicity, sexuality, public policy and politics, K-12 education, and the news media.
Prerequisite: AFA 2000.
Attributes: General Education - Diversity, General Education - Social Science, Satisfies 6000 Words of Writing Requirement

AFA 3332 Black Feminist and Womanist Theory 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Interdisciplinary survey of African American and Afro-descendant women's contributions to feminist theory.
Prerequisite: 3 credits of AFA at the 2000 level or above.
Attributes: Satisfies 6000 Words of Writing Requirement

AFA 3333 Black Power Movement 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
An examination of the Black Power Movement, including major themes, roots in previous black organizing, associated groups and figures, and its influence on present society and activism.
Prerequisite: AFA 2000.

AFA 3350 Black Masculinity 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Integrated interdisciplinary exploration of selected themes and resources that represent the Black Masculine experience in North America, emphasizing continuity and change. (C, H, D, and E6)
Prerequisite: AFA 2000
Attributes: General Education - Diversity, General Education - Humanities, Satisfies 6000 Words of Writing Requirement

AFA 3354 Race, Religion, and Rebellion 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Examination of the interplay of religion, race, and rebellion in the organization and execution of the various revolts, insurrections, and social movements of black people in the US from the slavery period through the Civil Rights and Black Power Eras.
Prerequisite: AFA 2000

AFA 3356 African American Religion 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Explores the African American religious experience from the beginning of the African sojourn here in North America until the present.
Prerequisite: AFA 2000

AFA 3357 Civil Rights and Religion 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Examination of the role of religion in the African American Civil Rights Movement from the 1950s through the 1980s.
Prerequisite: AFA 2000

AFA 3360 Archaeology of African American Life and Culture 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Historical overview of African American archaeology, including important cases, key figures, major issues, and development of the field.
Prerequisite: AFA 2000.

AFA 3363 The Black Experience: Psychological Perspectives 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Interdisciplinary examination of themes, premises, and theories presented by major psychological theorists in their depictions and accounts of the behavior of Black people in America; the growth of Black psychology.
Prerequisite: AFA 2000.
Attributes: General Education - Diversity, General Education - Social Science, Satisfies 6000 Words of Writing Requirement

AFA 3371 History of Hip-Hop 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Examines the blossoming of hip-hop as a musical genre and as a cultural and political youth movement from the 1970s to the present, extending from its origins in New York city to the rest of the nation and the world.
Prerequisite: AFA 2000.

AFA 3850 Research Methods in African American History 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Research methods in African American history.
Prerequisite: AFA 2000 or instructor permission.
AFA 3915C Mentoring At-Risk Youth 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
A community service-learning course that develops mentoring and critical-thinking skills through instruction, analysis and service. (S and N) (WR)
Prerequisite: AFA 2000 or instructor permission.
Attributes: General Education - International, General Education - Social Science, Satisfies 6000 Words of Writing Requirement

AFA 3930 Special Topics in African American Studies 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Lectures and seminars covering selected topics of current interests in African American studies.
Prerequisite: Junior standing or higher, or instructor permission.

AFA 4135 Theories of Black America 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
A multi-disciplinary examination of some of the important theories and concepts used to explain Black social, political and cultural behavior in the United States for the past 150 years.
Prerequisite: AFA 2000.

AFA 4222 African American History: 1619 to 1865 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Explores the history of African Americans from their arrival in the United States in 1619 to the end of the Civil War in 1865. Examines the experiences of enslaved Africans and African Americans, their resistance to slavery, and the various social, cultural, economic, and political forces that shaped their lives during this time period.
Prerequisite: AFA 2000.

AFA 4225 Blacks in Florida 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Addresses the history and themes of Blacks in Florida between 1492 and 1975.
Prerequisite: AFA 2000 or instructor permission.

AFA 4352 Black Hair Politics 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Provides a comprehensive interdisciplinary examination of the history, sociology, psychology and economics of Black hair. Students will explore the textures, styles and meanings of Black hair as they relate to identity and power in society.
Prerequisite: AFA 2000.

AFA 4430 Black Lives Matter 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Examination of the particular historical, geographical, cultural, social, and political ways in which race was, and continues to be configured and deployed in the United States.
Prerequisite: AFA 2000.

AFA 4905 Individual Study 1-5 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Directed individual reading or research on topics in African American studies.
Prerequisite: director permission.

AFA 4936 African American Studies Senior Integrative Seminar 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Examination of bibliographic resources and analysis of theory, method, and special problems in the field of African American studies.
Prerequisite: AFA 2000 and AFA 3110.
Attributes: General Education - Social Science, Satisfies 6000 Words of Writing Requirement

AFA 4940 African American Studies Internship 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Complete internships with companies, individuals, institutions, or organizations whose work adds to the knowledge and well-being of the African American community.
Prerequisite: (African American studies minor or major) and AFA 2000 and at least two 3000-level AFA courses and sophomore status or higher.

AFA 4970 Honors Thesis 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: S/U
Comprehensive research paper that examines a relevant topic in the discipline of African American studies.
Prerequisite: AFA 2000.