

Program Change Request

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Viewing: **AASTGC : African & African American Studies Graduate Certificate**

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Program Status: Active

Academic Level: Graduate

Type of proposal: Certificate

Select a reason for this modification

Making Minor Changes to an Existing Degree (e.g. changing 15 or fewer hours, changing admission/graduation requirements, adding/changing Focused Study or Track)

Effective Catalog Year: Fall 2021

College/School Code:
Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences (ARSC)

Department Code:
African and African American Studies (AAST) ~~Department of History (HIST)~~

Program Code: AASTGC

Degree: Graduate Certificate

CIP Code:

In Workflow

1. ARSC Dean Initial
2. GRAD Dean Initial
3. Director of Program Assessment and Review
4. Registrar Initial
5. Institutional Research
6. HIST Chair
7. ARSC Curriculum Committee
8. ARSC Dean
9. Global Campus
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16. Registrar Final
17. Catalog Editor Final

Approval Path

1. 02/20/20 11:25 am
Jeannie Hulen (jhulen): Approved for ARSC Dean Initial

2. 02/20/20 12:41 pm
Pat Koski (pkoski):
Approved for GRAD
Dean Initial
3. 02/26/20 11:03 am
Alice Griffin
(agriffin): Approved
for Director of
Program
Assessment and
Review
4. 03/03/20 2:52 pm
Lisa Kulczak
(lkulcza): Approved
for Registrar Initial
5. 03/04/20 11:02 am
Gary Gunderman
(ggunderm):
Approved for
Institutional
Research
6. 03/04/20 11:56 am
Jim Gigantino
(jgiganti): Approved
for HIST Chair
7. 03/20/20 10:42 am
Ryan Cochran
(rcc003): Approved
for ARSC Curriculum
Committee
8. 03/20/20 10:50 am
Jeannie Hulen
(jhulen): Approved
for ARSC Dean
9. 03/23/20 12:08 pm
Suzanne Kenner
(skenner): Approved
for Global Campus
10. 03/25/20 10:23 am
Terry Martin

(tmartin): Approved
for Provost Review

History

1. May 20, 2015 by Jim Gigantino (jgiganti)
2. Aug 14, 2015 by Lisa Kulczak (lkulcza)
3. Aug 14, 2015 by Lisa Kulczak (lkulcza)
4. Mar 24, 2016 by Charlie Alison (calison)
5. May 4, 2017 by Lisa Kulczak (lkulcza)
6. Mar 27, 2018 by Gina Daugherty (gdaugher)
7. Nov 7, 2018 by Gina Daugherty (gdaugher)

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Program Title

African & African American Studies Graduate Certificate

Program Delivery

Method

On Campus

Is this program interdisciplinary?

No

Does this proposal impact any courses from another College/School?

No

What are the total hours needed to complete the program? 15

Program Requirements and Description

Requirements

Admission Requirements:

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

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.

Confirmation of admission to the University of Arkansas Graduate School.

Complete official transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate work.

Three letters of recommendation from former teachers, employers, or supervisors.

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.

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 5913 Independent Study in African and African American Studies](#) OR [AAST 5103](#) Graduate Readings in African & African American Studies

Possible Courses:

AAST 5913	Independent Study in African and African American Studies	3
AAST 5903	Special Topics in African & African American Studies	3
AAST 6023	Course AAST 6023 Not Found	
AAST 6963	Course AAST 6963 Not Found	
ENGL 6853	Seminar in African American Literature and Culture	3
HIST 6093	The History of African Americans and Social Justice	3
HIST 6623	Africa and the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade	3
HIST 6263	Independence and Africa Today	3
HIST 6273	Comparative Slavery	3
HIST 5563	The Old South, 1607-1865	3
HIST 5573	The New South, 1860 to the Present	3
HIST 5823	Black Freedom in the Age of Emancipation	3
HIST 5953	Course HIST 5953 Not Found	3
PLSC 4323	Racial Identity, Politics, and Public Policy	3
PLSC 5993	African American Political Ideology	3

Additional courses numbered **5000** ~~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.

Are Similar Programs available in the area?

No

Estimated Student 25-40

Demand for Program

Scheduled Program **2021-2022** ~~Fall 2020~~

Review Date

Program Goals and

Objectives

Program Goals and Objectives

The Graduate Certificate in African & African American Studies is a 15-credit hour program conceived as a rigorous interdisciplinary study of the legacy of the African diaspora and African-descended people’s global experiences with a focus on Africa, the United States, and the Caribbean. The certificate’s broad-based curriculum and the participation of fifteen different faculty members across the University that will assist graduate students who choose to study the history and culture of the African diaspora. Courses in the program strive to advance social consciousness, inject principles of reason and equality into international debates, and examine the important role that race has played in the creation of the world. Students will therefore gain both the theoretical and analytic skills from a broad array of disciplines in order to advance research on multiple aspects of the African diaspora.

Learning Outcomes

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Students who complete the Graduate Certificate in African & African American Studies will be expected to:

- Understand the history and primary research methods used by the discipline and how those methods relate to other disciplines within the academy
- Analyze a variety of texts within multiple academic disciplines to help craft a greater understanding of the African diaspora
- Produce high-quality analytical writing that analyze the important political, economic, and social factors that impact members of diaspora communities
- Demonstrate an understanding of key themes, arguments, and analytical frameworks within the study of the African diaspora

Learning Outcomes

- Produce original research that furthers the study of the African diaspora in a meaningful way

Description and justification of the request

Description of specific change	Justification for this change
1) Eliminated old dual level courses and restrictions that applied to dual level courses since graduate courses are no longer at 4000 level 2) Added new electives for AASTGC students 3) Added restriction of 3 hours for AAST Independent Study to coincide with restriction for directed readings	1) Graduate course level change required elimination of dual credit 2) Added electives to increase opportunities for students and reflect new faculty 3) Coordinate restriction between both independent study and directed readings to encourage more coursework rather than directed readings

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Reviewer Comments

Alice Griffin (agriffin) (02/26/20 11:00 am): Changed department from History to African & African American Studies, so ownership is consistent with UGRD program. Also, changed AAST 5193 to AAST 5913 to be consistent with new course submitted in CIM. College is encouraged to review for accuracy.

Alice Griffin (agriffin) (02/26/20 11:02 am): Changed scheduled program review date from fall 2020 to 2021-2022 to match APS 1620.11.

Alice Griffin (agriffin) (03/26/20 10:56 am): Changed effective date from fall 2020 to fall 2021. It is too late to complete the approval process for fall 2020.

Alice Griffin (agriffin) (04/07/20 1:49 pm): AAST 5913 completed the approval process. So, I switched out the red box error version with the approved course.

Alice Griffin (agriffin) (04/07/20 1:50 pm): AAST 6023 and AAST 6963 are in the approval workflow, currently pending UCPC approval.

Alice Griffin (agriffin) (04/07/20 3:06 pm): Removed HIST 5953 from course list. The course was deleted effective fall 2020, per RCC.