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Helpful Web Links

If you need additional information about the department, or availability of classes, or other related matters, you are encouraged to visit the following sites:

Departmental website (information on faculty, undergraduate studies, etc.):

<http://www.transnationalstudies.buffalo.edu>

School calendar

<http://registrar.buffalo.edu/calendars/index.php>

Class schedules

<http://registrar.buffalo.edu/schedules/index.php>

UB Undergraduate registration policies and procedures:

<http://undergrad-catalog.buffalo.edu/policies/registration/index.shtml>

HUB information for students

<http://www.buffalo.edu/hub/>

UB Undergraduate Advising (general information)

<http://advising.buffalo.edu/>

UB Student Advising Services (for those without a major or minor)

<http://sas.buffalo.edu/>

CAS Student Advisement and Services (for those with a declared major and minor)

<http://casadvising.buffalo.edu/main.html>

Main UB website

<http://www.buffalo.edu/>

UB Libraries website

<http://library.buffalo.edu/>

African American Studies

For biographical profiles of full-time instructors,

Please visit the departmental website at:

www.transnationalstudies.buffalo.edu

To contact any of the instructors for further information please see them during their office hours (posted by the Main Office door 1004 Clemens Hall) or send them an e-mail, which you can access via the people search box on your "MyUB" page.

10230

AAS 100

Introduction to African American Studies

Online

Bhardwaj, K.

This course offers an overview of the main themes, debates, and issues within African American Studies and an introduction to the social, cultural, and political history of the African diaspora. Using an interdisciplinary approach and varying perspectives, this course provides the framework to Africa essential, for it is there that everything begins. An examination of the African diaspora focuses on the commonalities of Africans around the world while also recognizing their diversity.

10323

AAS 231

Topics: Afr-Amer Studies

Online

Fadugba, A.

Title & Description TBD

10322

AAS 261

African American History

Online

Bhardwaj, K.

Surveys the history of African Americans from African origins to the present. The course focuses on the often overlooked but crucial role of African Americans in shaping U.S. and world history. Topics include: West African civilizations, the slave trade and slavery, abolitionism and the

Underground Railroad, Emancipation, post-slavery migrations and labor systems, the rise of Jim Crow, the Harlem Renaissance, the Civil Rights Movement and Black Power.

10317

AAS 312

Gender Issues Cont. Africa

Online

Ogunbowale, M.

This seminar examines current policy frameworks and agendas such as the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and public policy responses to poverty, gender inequalities in democratic participation and socioeconomic development. It further interrogates burning issues of human rights and the rights of the girl child as they pertain to social practices such as female mutilation and child soldiers. It analyzes also the changing dynamics of households due to the combined effects of transnational migration, HIV/AIDS and conflicts and their gender implications. It revisits opportunities for social change in the face of an increased pressure from globalization, environmental degradation, a growing retrenchment of the state, and many threats to human security.

10319

AAS 324

Black Writers

Online

Ponzo, J.

The literary tradition of African Americans is a very rich one. Over the years, countless individuals have written about the diverse aspects of being Black in America. In this abbreviated course, we will focus on a small number of iconic Black writers, and examine how their work relates to African American Identity formation. With this goal in mind, we will also explore answers to the following questions: 1) What role does race play in identity formation? 2) What is the lasting impact of slavery on how African Americans see themselves? 3) How does Africa continue to shape this identity? 4) In their respective writings, do the authors suggest that African Americans have been integrated into mainstream American culture?

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10318

AMS 102 (Same as AS 110)

The Asian American Experience

Mon-Fri: 1 PM-2:20 PM Talbert 113 North Campus

Xu, S.

This course examines the broad range of experiences of people of Asian descent in North America. We will approach our topic from a social justice perspective, stressing the efforts on the part of Asian Americans to redress historical events such as labor exploitation, exclusion and immigration restriction, U.S. imperialism, and more.

10320

AMS 113

America Lives & Environments

Online

Morales, M.

Examines patterned stories, sayings, designs, and ways of living that have been created are continuously being recreated by groups of people; also investigates historical and social meanings of folklore.

African American Studies Major/Minor Requirements

Application forms available here:

<http://www.transnationalstudies.buffalo.edu>

Overview

African and African American Studies is an interdisciplinary field that explores the history as well as the political, economic, social and cultural life of people of African descent. The department's major and minor ground students in a curriculum that is global in scope, covers a broad spectrum of topics in the arts, humanities, and social sciences, and provides a comprehensive liberal arts education.

Acceptance Criteria: Minimum GPA of 2.0 overall.

Major (or Double Major or Double Degree) Requirements

Required Courses:

AAS 100 Introduction to African American Studies
AAS 280 Survey of African Studies
AAS 358 African Diaspora
AAS 355 Race, Class and Society
AAS 314 Black Philosophy OR AAS 395 Black Gender Studies
AAS 417 Black Aesthetics OR AAS 425 Liberation Struggles
AAS 320 Research Methods in African American Studies
AAS 498 Senior Seminar

Electives:

Four AAS courses (12 credit hours), of which no more than 3 credit hours of Independent Study, and no more than 3 credit hours from outside AAS without permission of the Director of Undergraduate Studies. No more than 9 out of the 12 credits can be at the 100 and 200 level.

Summary: Total required credit hours for the major (and double) major: **36** (12 courses)

See also: Baccalaureate Degree Requirements in the University's online *Undergraduate Catalog* for general education and remaining university requirements.

Note: Substitution of some courses MAY be possible; please make an appointment with the Department of Transnational Studies Director of Undergraduate Studies for further information.

Joint Major Requirements

Required Courses:

AAS 100 Introduction to African American Studies
AAS 280 Survey of African Studies
AAS 358 African Diaspora
AAS 355 Race, Class, and Society
AAS 417 Black Aesthetics OR AAS 425 Liberation Struggles
AAS 320 Research Methods in African American Studies
AAS 498 Senior Seminar

Electives: Any One 200, 300 or 400-level AAS course

Summary: Total required credit hours for the joint major: 24 (8 courses), PLUS 24 (8 courses) for the other major.

See also: Baccalaureate Degree Requirements in the University's online Undergraduate Catalog for general education and remaining university requirements.

Note: Substitution of some courses MAY be possible; please make an appointment with the Department of Transnational Studies Director of Undergraduate Studies for further information.

Minor Requirements

Required Courses:

Any two of the following courses:
AAS 100 Introduction to African American Studies
AAS 260 Major Issues in African American Studies
AAS 261 Survey of the African American Experience
AAS 270 Major Issues in Caribbean Studies
AAS 280 Survey of African Studies

Electives: Any four 200 or 300 or 400-level AAS courses

Summary: Total required credit hours for the minor: **18** (6 courses)

Note: Substitution of some courses MAY be possible; please make an appointment with the Department of Transnational Studies Director of Undergraduate Studies for further information

American Studies

Major/Minor Requirements

Application forms available here:

<http://www.transnationalstudies.buffalo.edu>

Overview

American Studies is an interdisciplinary field of study that awards B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. degrees. We take a global and hemispheric approach to the study of the Americas, examining local cultures, nations, and regions within their larger geopolitical contexts. Building on our traditional strengths in American Indian studies, critical race theory, feminism, class analysis, and community engagement, we encourage scholarly work on history, politics, visual cultures, literary and oral cultures, environmental and agricultural practices, religions, gender, sexualities, kinship systems, geography, and economics.

We are a vibrant and diverse community of faculty and students committed to rigorous, socially engaged scholarship. Reclaiming the repressed voices, histories, and cultures of marginalized peoples in the Americas has been a central mission of our department since the 1960s. UB American Studies coordinates one of the strongest American Indian studies programs in the United States. In addition, our faculty's creation and implementation of new technologies for accessing and documenting history has situated us at the forefront of American studies.

We seek students who wish to pursue a coherent program centering on the vigorous multidisciplinary study of the Americas. We also welcome international students who seek to deepen their understanding of the cultural, historical, and natural complexity of the United States, or the Americas more generally.

Acceptance Criteria: Minimum 2.0 GPA overall. Minimum 2.5 GPA in prerequisite courses.

Major (or Double Major or Double Degree) Requirements

Prerequisite Courses:

AMS 107 Introduction to American Studies
AMS 113 American Lives and Environments (before 1900)
AMS 114 American Lives and Environments (after 1900)

Required Courses

AMS 364 Seminar for Majors
Eight elective American Studies courses; at least four of which must be at the 300/400 level. These electives must include:

- At least three courses focusing on gender, class, race, ethnicity, and/or indigenous studies
- At least two courses focusing on American culture(s) before 1900
- At least three courses focusing on cultures of the Atlantic World or the Americas beyond the United States

Note: Any given course may fulfill more than one of the above categories. Related courses taken outside of the department may be applicable toward the major, when approved by the department's director of undergraduate studies.

Summary: Total required credit hours for the major: **36**

See also: Baccalaureate Degree Requirements in the University's online *Undergraduate Catalog* for general education and remaining university requirements.

Note: Substitution of some courses MAY be possible; please make an appointment with the Department of Transnational Studies Director of Undergraduate Studies for further information.

Joint Major Requirements

Prerequisite Courses

AMS 107 Introduction to American Studies
AMS 113 American Lives and Environments (before 1900)
AMS 114 American Lives and Environments (after 1900)

Required Courses: AMS 364 Seminar for Majors

Electives

Four elective American Studies courses; at least two of which must be at the 300/400 level. These electives must include:

- At least two courses focusing on gender, class, race, ethnicity, and/or indigenous studies
- At least one course focusing on American culture(s) before 1900
- At least one course focusing on cultures of the Atlantic World or the Americas beyond the United States

Note: Any given course may fulfill more than one of the above categories.

Summary: Total required credit hours for the joint major: **24**

Note: Substitution of some courses MAY be possible; please make an appointment with the Department of Transnational Studies Director of Undergraduate Studies for further information.

See also: Baccalaureate Degree Requirements in the University's online Undergraduate Catalog for general education and remaining university requirements.

Minor Requirements

Acceptance Criteria: Minimum GPA of 2.0 overall.

Required Courses: At least six American Studies courses, including at least three at the 300-400 level.

Summary: Total required credit hours for the minor: **18**

Note: Substitution of some courses MAY be possible; please make an appointment with the Department of Transnational Studies Director of Undergraduate Studies for further information.