

African and African American Studies, **Certi**

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Do you want to advocate for social justice? Gain a deeper understanding of African and African American peoples' culture and history and an in-depth knowledge of prominent issues in their communities to help you excel in fields such as law, business and medicine.

Description

Students in the certificate program in African and African American studies examine the culture, arts, history, politics, economics and current status of Africans, African Americans and the larger African diaspora, especially in Central America, South America and the Caribbean.

The goal is to prepare students for lifelong learning, advanced study in a variety of fields, successful careers and productive public service in an increasingly diverse society.

At a glance

- **College/School:** [The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#)
- **Location:** [Tempe](#)

Program requirements

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The certificate consists of 15 credit hours, at least 12 of which must be completed at the upper-division level. All courses used toward the certificate must be completed with a grade of "C" (2.00 on a 4.00 scale) or higher.

Required Core Course (choose one) -- 3 credit hours

AFR 200: Introduction to Africana Studies (GCSI OR SB & G & H) (3)

AFR 210: Introduction to African American Studies (C) (3)

Elective Core Course (choose one) -- 3 credit hours

AFR 300: Precolonial Africa (GCSI OR SB & G & H) (3)

AFR 301: Race and Racism in Africa/African Diaspora (SB & G) (3)

AFR 370 / FAS 370: Family Ethnic and Cultural Diversity (CIVI OR SB & C) (3)

AFR 375: Race, Gender and Sport (SOBE OR SB & C) (3)

Content Courses (choose three) -- 9 credit hours

AFR 336 / ASB 336: African Art (HU & G) (3)

AFR 340: The Making of Modern Africa (SB & G & H) (3)

AFR 345 / JUS 345: Peoples and Cultures of the Caribbean (SB & G & H) (3)

AFR 350 / APA 350 / CDE 350 / SOC 350 / TCL 360 / JUS 365: Inequality and Diversity in Education (CIVI OR L & C) (3)

AFR 352 / APA 352 / JUS 353: Borders, Prisons and Suburbs (SB & C) (3)

AFR 353 / AMS 353 / ENG 353 / ETH 353: African American Literature: Beginnings through the Harlem Renaissance ((L or HU) & C) (3)

AFR 354 / AMS 354 / ENG 354 / ETH 354: African American Literature: Harlem Renaissance to the Present (HUAD OR (L or HU) & C) (3)

AFR 363 / HST 333: African American History to 1865 (SB & H & C) (3)

AFR 364 / HST 334: African American History Since 1865 (HUAD OR (HU or SB) & C & H) (3)

AFR 365 / WST 364: Unruly Voices: Black Women and Cultural Narratives (HUAD OR HU & C) (3)

AFR 366 / ASB 366: African Archaeology: Precolonial Urban Culture (SB & H) (3)

AFR 372 / REL 362 / SGS 366: Islam and Islamic Societies in Africa: Social and Political History (3)

AFR 373 / REL 363: Islam and World Affairs (3)

AFR 420 / JUS 421: Race Ethnicity and Politics in the African Diaspora (SB & G) (3)

AFR 428 / APA 428 / JUS 428: Critical Race Theory (3)

AFR 459 / ENG 459: Studies in African American/Caribbean Literatures ((L or HU) & G) (3)

AFR 466 / ASB 466: Peoples and Cultures of Africa (SB & G) (3)

AFR 470 / WST 471: Women's International Human Rights (3)

AFR 480 / REL 461 / SGS 442: Different Voices Within Contemporary Islamic Discourse (3)

Other courses may be used with approval from an academic advisor in the School of Social Transformation

Prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this certificate.

Enrollment requirements

A student pursuing an undergraduate certificate must be enrolled as a degree-seeking student at ASU. Undergraduate certificates are not awarded prior to the award of an undergraduate degree. A student

already holding an undergraduate degree may pursue an undergraduate certificate as a nondegree-seeking graduate student.

Program learning outcomes

Program learning outcomes identify what a student will learn or be able to do upon completion of their program. This program has the following program outcomes:

- Conduct independent research exploring critical issues in and to the African diaspora.
- Analyze the ways in which race intersects with other social locations in shaping ideology, as well as social, political and cultural institutions.

Career opportunities

Students can advance their career options with an undergraduate certificate. By adding this specialization in African and African American studies as a complement to their major program of study, students become more attractive to employers.

Graduates who have completed this undergraduate certificate often decide to pursue employment in education, public service, and human welfare and social work. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

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