

Selected Courses

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014:111,112. Introduction to African American and African Studies
014:220. Black Political Thought
014:255. Race & Gender in American Film
014:301. African Cultural Retentions
014:302. Special Topics in Black Studies
014:303. Topics in Black Studies
014:304. African Literature
014:305. Black Women in the United States
014:306. Comparative Race Relations
014:356. Minority Politics and Public Policy
014:358. Comparative Literature of Africa and Caribbean
014:370. Women's Literature of the African Diaspora
014:371. Internship
014:388. Survey of Black Political Economy
014:390. Islam in the African-American Experience
014:396. The African-American Community
014:412. Senior Seminar
014:430. The African-American, The Law, and The Courts
014:495,496. Individual Study in Black Studies

Related Courses

070:316. Peoples and Cultures of Africa
082:275. Black Art in America
082:285. Art of Africa
352:395,396. African-American Literature
510:263,264. History of Africa
512:233,234. African-American History
512:472. Topics in Afro-American History
700:265. Jazz
790:318. Government and Politics of Africa
920:316. Race & Ethnicity in Multicultural Societies

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**Department of
African American and
African Studies**



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Welcome

The Department of African American and African Studies at Rutgers University-Newark offers students an opportunity to study the cultures of the African diaspora, from a variety of disciplinary perspectives. Our course offerings focus particularly on the United States, Africa, and the Caribbean, and we hope to include courses on Afro-Hispanic culture in future. Our faculty are trained in diverse fields – anthropology, film studies, literature, history, political science, to name a few – and our courses are often interdisciplinary in nature. All of the courses are designed to integrate scholarship on gender, race, and class.

The African American and African Studies major/minor is geared towards both the scholarly and the working world. We aim to produce graduates who are ready for advanced graduate study in the humanities or social sciences; we also aim to produce professionals who can work in a variety of fields that require an understanding of the history and cultures of African and African-descended peoples. Our major can be used in a broad array of fields, such as marketing; journalism; education; and the arts. In future we hope to establish internships for our majors, where they can apply their scholarly knowledge to a particular career. Flexibility is a key characteristic of our program. African American and African Studies majors have a wide array of courses to choose from, and may also take courses in other departments as a way to fulfill electives in their major. Additionally, some of the courses in African American and African Studies may be taken for credit towards a major or minor in another department. The Department of African American and African Studies is dedicated to giving our students the most expansive education possible, and for this reason we allow our students a range of course options, both from within and without the department. Several of our courses are also offered during the evening.

Major Requirements

Thirty-six (36) credits are required for a major in African American and African Studies.

The following courses are required:

- ◆ 21:014:111, 112 – Introduction to African American & African Studies
- ◆ 21:014:305 – Black Women in the United States
- ◆ 21:014:306 – Comparative Race Relations
- ◆ 21:014:396 – The African-American Community
- ◆ 21:014:412 – Senior Seminar
- ◆ Literature of Africa and/or the Caribbean (***The following courses will fulfill this requirement: 014:304,358,370; 350:256, 356; 352:395,396***)

Fifteen (15) additional credits in electives are required for completion of the major.

Minor Requirements

Eighteen (18) credits are required for a minor in African-American and African Studies.

The following courses are required:
014:111,112 – Introduction to African American & African Studies (6 credits)

Four (4) additional electives in African American and African Studies (014) (12 credits)



Learning Objectives

The department seeks, through interdisciplinary study, to create an intellectual environment that allows students to develop critical thinking, research, and writing skills. These skills are developed through study within the department's curriculum as well as by extensive one-on-one mentoring with African American and African Studies faculty.

The department stresses advanced knowledge about the emerging and established interdisciplinary scholarship about peoples of African descent around the world that is continually shaping the field.

Students will develop analytical and critical thinking skills about Africans and people of African descent living throughout the diaspora.

The department seeks to make students aware of issues of social justice that shape the communities in which they live and work, as well as communities throughout society.

The department seeks to provide its student body with substantive knowledge of the varied experiences of black people in the United States and abroad and to facilitate understanding and diversity.

Students will understand the connection between reading, writing, and oral communication to present their ideas.

The department actively seeks to provide the residents of the state of New Jersey and beyond with a high standard of education that is relevant to the realities of a diverse and dynamic world.

For a complete listing of objectives, please visit <http://www.ncas.rutgers.edu/african-american-and-african-studies-learning-objectives>.