African American Studies (AAS) Courses

AAS 2013. Introduction to African American Studies. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Offers an interdisciplinary introduction to major topics in African American Studies. Course materials will address basic contours of the black experience in the United States. Topics that may be investigated include historical, autobiographical, political, cultural, sociological, literary, and/or popular responses to and representation of African Americans in the United States. May be applied toward the Core Curriculum requirement in Language, Philosophy and Culture. Generally offered: Fall, Spring.

AAS 2113. African American Culture, Leadership and Social Issues. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
This course examines topics related to twentieth-century African American culture, leadership, and social experiences. The focus of this course includes emphasis on civic engagement, leadership, and/or cultural expression (i.e., music, performance arts, film, visual arts) that informs collective identities, social movements, and/or relevant social issues. May be applied toward the Core Curriculum requirement in Language, Philosophy and Culture.

AAS 3013. African American Cultural Experiences. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
This course examines cultural expressions (e.g., art, music, film, literature, cultural identity) in the African American experience. The substantive and disciplinary emphasis can vary from one semester to another.

AAS 3113. African American Studies Research Seminar. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
This course is designed to introduce students to basic research methods and methodological issues in African American Studies. The course covers methods of social science research, research conceptualization, and research design. Students will become familiar with various methods of data collection, data analysis, and theoretical concepts that pertain to developing critical thinking, analytical, and writing skills.

AAS 3123. Civil Rights Movement & African American Education. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
This course provides an introduction to the period of struggle in American history known as the Civil Rights Movement. The objective is to survey the major historical figures, organizations, locations, strategies and ideas that coalesce to make the history of the movement. The course will analyze the historical trajectory of educational policies with particular emphasis on the Brown v. Board of Education decision in 1954 and its implications over the following 20 years.

AAS 3133. African Americans in Higher Education. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
This course explores the history of African Americans in higher education. The course examines especially significant post-secondary issues and topics in the twentieth century, such as access, equity, diversity, student organizations, institutional leadership, and current events.