AFRICANA STUDIES (AFS) Fall 2011

Africana Studies


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Degree Awarded: Graduate Certificate in Africana Studies

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The Department of Africana Studies (AFS) in the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) offers a course of interdisciplinary studies leading to a Graduate Certificate in Africana Studies. The purpose of the Graduate Certificate (GC) is threefold: to fill a need for academic inquiry at the graduate level spanning the experiences, history and perspectives of individuals of African heritage (United States, Caribbean/Latin America, Africa); to broaden the scope of academic offerings at the graduate level within the SUNY system and at Stony Brook University (SBU) specifically; and to enhance professional development in a range of careers and professions where knowledge and increased understanding of Black communities past and present is important. Included among these areas are education, law, management, medicine, public health, public service, social welfare, museum curatorship, cinema and media studies. AFS has also been approved by the state of New York to offer the M.A. degree in Africana Studies but that course of studies is not available at this time.

M.A. students pursuing M.A.T. and MLS degrees in academic and professional programs outside of Africana Studies may gain approval from their academic units if seeking to designate Africana courses as a cognate area.

Certificate Requirements

The Graduate Certificate requires a total of 15 graduate course credits found in the Africana Studies core curriculum. Students must maintain an overall minimum GPA of 3.0. Students applying to pursue the GC should also have a 3.0 during their undergraduate years. Six (6) of the credits for the GC are in foundational courses listed as 500 and 502. The remaining 9 credits may be selected from a mix of seminar classes approved by an AFS Department graduate advisor. The application process can be started online by clicking admissions on the main SBU web page and following the appropriate instructions.

NOTE: The course descriptions for this program can be found in the corresponding program PDF or at COURSE SEARCH.