

# Program Change Request

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## Viewing: **AASTGC : African & African American Studies Graduate Certificate**

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Program Status: Active

Academic Level: Graduate

Type of proposal: Certificate

Select a reason for this modification

Making Minor Changes to an Existing Degree (e.g. changing 15 or fewer hours, changing admission/graduation requirements, adding/changing Focused Study or Track)

Effective Catalog Year: Fall 2020

College/School Code:  
Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences (ARSC)

Department Code:  
**African and African American Studies (AAST)** ~~Department of History (HIST)~~

Program Code: AASTGC

Degree: Graduate Certificate

CIP Code

### In Workflow

1. ARSC Dean Initial
2. GRAD Dean Initial
3. Director of Program Assessment and Review
4. Registrar Initial
5. Institutional Research
6. HIST Chair
7. ARSC Curriculum Committee
8. ARSC Dean
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12. Graduate Committee
13. Faculty Senate
14. Provost Final
15. Provost's Office-- Notification of Approval
16. Registrar Final
17. Catalog Editor Final

### Approval Path

1. 02/20/20 11:25 am  
Jeannie Hulen (jhulen): Approved for ARSC Dean Initial

2. 02/20/20 12:41 pm  
Pat Koski (pkoski):  
Approved for GRAD  
Dean Initial
3. 02/26/20 11:03 am  
Alice Griffin  
(agriffin): Approved  
for Director of  
Program  
Assessment and  
Review
4. 03/03/20 2:52 pm  
Lisa Kulczak  
(lkulcza): Approved  
for Registrar Initial
5. 03/04/20 11:02 am  
Gary Gunderman  
(ggunderm):  
Approved for  
Institutional  
Research
6. 03/04/20 11:56 am  
Jim Gigantino  
(jgiganti): Approved  
for HIST Chair
7. 03/20/20 10:42 am  
Ryan Cochran  
(rcc003): Approved  
for ARSC Curriculum  
Committee
8. 03/20/20 10:50 am  
Jeannie Hulen  
(jhulen): Approved  
for ARSC Dean
9. 03/23/20 12:08 pm  
Suzanne Kenner  
(skenner): Approved  
for Global Campus
10. 03/25/20 10:23 am  
Terry Martin

(tmartin): Approved  
for Provost Review

11. 04/20/20 9:51 am

Alice Griffin

(agriffin): Approved  
for University

Course and Program  
Committee

12. 04/21/20 8:44 am

Pat Koski (pkoski):

Approved for

Graduate

Committee

## History

1. May 20, 2015 by Jim Gigantino (jgiganti)
2. Aug 14, 2015 by Lisa Kulczak (lkulcza)
3. Aug 14, 2015 by Lisa Kulczak (lkulcza)
4. Mar 24, 2016 by Charlie Alison (calison)
5. May 4, 2017 by Lisa Kulczak (lkulcza)
6. Mar 27, 2018 by Gina Daugherty (gdaugher)
7. Nov 7, 2018 by Gina Daugherty (gdaugher)

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Program Title

African & African American Studies Graduate Certificate

Program Delivery

Method

On Campus

Is this program interdisciplinary?

No

Does this proposal impact any courses from another College/School?

No

What are the total hours needed to complete the program? 15

## Program Requirements and Description

### Requirements

#### Admission Requirements:

The following materials must be submitted to the Director of the AAST Program:

Application for Admission to the Certificate Program in African & African American Studies. The form is available from the Program Director and the program's Web page.

Confirmation of admission to the University of Arkansas Graduate School.

Complete official transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate work.

Three letters of recommendation from former teachers, employers, or supervisors.

Statement of purpose describing academic interests and professional goals and how the Graduate Certificate fits into them.

#### Requirements for Graduate Certificate in African and African American Studies

In order to complete the Graduate Certificate in African & African American Studies, students must complete a total of 15 hours of coursework, which must include [AAST 5003](#) Graduate Seminar in African & African American Studies.

The remaining 12 hours of coursework must be approved by the Program Director and adhere to the following stipulations:

A maximum of 9 of the 12 may come from courses taken in a single department

~~At least 9 hours must be from courses numbered 5000 or higher~~ A maximum of 3 hours may be earned through

[AAST 5913 Independent Study in African and African American Studies](#) OR [AAST 5103](#) Graduate Readings in African & African American Studies

Possible Courses:

<a href="#">AAST 5913</a>	<a href="#">Independent Study in African and African American Studies</a>	3
<a href="#">AAST 5903</a>	<a href="#">Special Topics in African &amp; African American Studies</a>	3
<a href="#">AAST 6023</a>	<a href="#">Course AAST 6023 Not Found</a>	
<a href="#">AAST 6963</a>	<a href="#">Course AAST 6963 Not Found</a>	
<a href="#">ENGL 6853</a>	Seminar in African American Literature and Culture	3
<a href="#">HIST 6093</a>	The History of African Americans and Social Justice	3

<u>HIST 6623</u>	Africa and the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade	3
<u>HIST 6263</u>	Independence and Africa Today	3
<u>HIST 6273</u>	Comparative Slavery	3
<u>HIST 5563</u>	The Old South, 1607-1865	3
<u>HIST 5573</u>	The New South, 1860 to the Present	3
<u>HIST 5823</u>	Black Freedom in the Age of Emancipation	3
<u>HIST 5953</u>	<u>Course HIST 5953 Not Found</u>	<del>3</del>
<u>PLSC 4323</u>	<u>Racial Identity, Politics, and Public Policy</u>	<del>3</del>
<u>PLSC 5993</u>	African American Political Ideology	3
<u>THTR 5413</u>	African American Theatre History -- 1950 to Present	3
<u>PLSC 5253</u>	<u>Politics of Race and Ethnicity</u>	<b>3</b>
<u>PLSC 6963</u>	<u>Course PLSC 6963 Not Found</u>	

Additional courses numbered **5000** ~~4000~~ or higher may be approved by the Program Director for the Graduate Certificate if its subject matter focuses on the study of Africans or African Americans.

#### Are Similar Programs available in the area?

No

Estimated Student 25-40

Demand for Program

Scheduled Program **2021-2022** ~~Fall 2020~~

Review Date

Program Goals and

Objectives

#### **Program Goals and Objectives**

The Graduate Certificate in African & African American Studies is a 15-credit hour program conceived as a rigorous interdisciplinary study of the legacy of the African diaspora and African-descended people's global experiences with a focus on Africa, the United States, and the Caribbean. The certificate's broad-based curriculum and the participation of fifteen different faculty members across the University that will assist graduate students who choose to study the history and culture of the African diaspora. Courses in the program strive to advance social consciousness, inject principles of reason and equality into international debates, and examine the important role that race has played in the creation of the world. Students will therefore gain both the theoretical and analytic skills from a broad array of disciplines in order to advance research on multiple aspects of the African diaspora.

Learning Outcomes

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Students who complete the Graduate Certificate in African & African American Studies will be expected to:

### Learning Outcomes

- Understand the history and primary research methods used by the discipline and how those methods relate to other disciplines within the academy
- Analyze a variety of texts within multiple academic disciplines to help craft a greater understanding of the African diaspora
- Produce high-quality analytical writing that analyze the important political, economic, and social factors that impact members of diaspora communities
- Demonstrate an understanding of key themes, arguments, and analytical frameworks within the study of the African diaspora
- Produce original research that furthers the study of the African diaspora in a meaningful way

### Description and justification of the request

Description of specific change	Justification for this change
1) Eliminated old dual level courses and restrictions that applied to dual level courses since graduate courses are no longer at 4000 level 2) Added new electives for AASTGC students 3) Added restriction of 3 hours for AAST Independent Study to coincide with restriction for directed readings	1) Graduate course level change required elimination of dual credit 2) Added electives to increase opportunities for students and reflect new faculty 3) Coordinate restriction between both independent study and directed readings to encourage more coursework rather than directed readings

### Upload attachments

### Reviewer Comments

**Alice Griffin (agriffin) (02/26/20 11:00 am):** Changed department from History to African & African American Studies, so ownership is consistent with UGRD program. Also, changed AAST 5193 to AAST 5913 to be consistent with new course submitted in CIM. College is encouraged to review for accuracy.

**Alice Griffin (agriffin) (02/26/20 11:02 am):** Changed scheduled program review date from fall 2020 to 2021-2022 to match APS 1620.11.

**Alice Griffin (agriffin) (03/26/20 10:56 am):** Changed effective date from fall 2020 to fall 2021. It is too late to complete the approval process for fall 2020.

**Alice Griffin (agriffin) (04/07/20 1:49 pm):** AAST 5913 completed the approval process. So, I switched out the red box error version with the approved course.

**Alice Griffin (agriffin) (04/07/20 1:50 pm):** AAST 6023 and AAST 6963 are in the approval workflow, currently pending UCPC approval.

**Alice Griffin (agriffin) (04/07/20 3:06 pm):** Removed HIST 5953 from course list. The course was deleted effective fall 2020, per RCC.