

<b>Fiscal Unit/Academic Org</b>	African-Amer & African Studies - D0502
<b>Administering College/Academic Group</b>	Arts And Sciences
<b>Co-administering College/Academic Group</b>	
<b>Semester Conversion Designation</b>	Converted with minimal changes to program goals and/or curricular requirements (e.g., sub-plan/specialization name changes, changes in electives and/or prerequisites, minimal changes in overall structure of program, minimal or no changes in program goals or content)
<b>Current Program/Plan Name</b>	African-American and African Studies
<b>Proposed Program/Plan Name</b>	African-American and African Studies
<b>Program/Plan Code Abbreviation</b>	AFAMAST-MA
<b>Current Degree Title</b>	Master of Arts

## Credit Hour Explanation

Program credit hour requirements		A) Number of credit hours in current program (Quarter credit hours)	B) Calculated result for 2/3rds of current (Semester credit hours)	C) Number of credit hours required for proposed program (Semester credit hours)	D) Change in credit hours
Total minimum credit hours required for completion of program		60	40.0	36	4.0
Required credit hours offered by the unit	Minimum	50	33.3	30	3.3
	Maximum	60	40.0	36	4.0
Required credit hours offered outside of the unit	Minimum	0	0.0	0	0.0
	Maximum	0	0.0	0	0.0
Required prerequisite credit hours not included above	Minimum	0	0.0	0	0.0
	Maximum	0	0.0	0	0.0

## Program Learning Goals

Note: these are required for all undergraduate degree programs and majors now, and will be required for all graduate and professional degree programs in 2012. Nonetheless, all programs are encouraged to complete these now.

**Program Learning Goals**                      • Not needed at this time for graduate programs

## Assessment

Assessment plan includes student learning goals, how those goals are evaluated, and how the information collected is used to improve student learning. An assessment plan is required for undergraduate majors and degrees. Graduate and professional degree programs are encouraged to complete this now, but will not be required to do so until 2012.

**Is this a degree program (undergraduate, graduate, or professional) or major proposal?** Yes

**Does the degree program or major have an assessment plan on file with the university Office of Academic Affairs?** No

**DIRECT MEASURES (means of assessment that measure performance directly, are authentic and minimize mitigating or intervening factors)**

### **Standardized tests**

- Local comprehensive or proficiency examinations

### **Classroom assignments**

- Embedded testing (i.e. specific questions in homework or exams that allow faculty to assess students' attainments of a specific learning goal)

### **Evaluation of a body of work produced by the student**

- Practicum, internship or research evaluation of student work

**Direct assessment methods specifically applicable to graduate programs**

- Candidacy exams
- Research proposals written and grants awarded
- Thesis/dissertation oral defense and/or other oral presentation

**INDIRECT MEASURES (means of assessment that are related to direct measures but are steps removed from those measures)****Surveys and Interviews**

- Student evaluation of instruction

**Additional types of indirect evidence**

- External program review
- Curriculum or syllabus review

**USE OF DATA (how the program uses or will use the evaluation data to make evidence-based improvements to the program periodically)**

- Meet with students directly to discuss their performance
- Analyze and discuss trends with the unit's faculty
- Make improvements in curricular requirements (e.g., add, subtract courses)
- Periodically confirm that current curriculum and courses are facilitating student attainment of program goals
- Benchmark against best programs in the field

**Program Specializations/Sub-Plans**

If you do not specify a program specialization/sub-plan it will be assumed you are submitting this program for all program specializations/sub-plans.

**Pre-Major**

Does this Program have a Pre-Major? No

**Attachments**

- Letter from the Program.doc: Prog. Desc.; rationale; sem course listing  
*(Program Rationale Statement. Owner: Goings, Kenneth W.)*
- Graduate Curriculum Semester & Quarter Advising Sheet.doc: Semester & Quarter Advising sheet  
*(Semester Advising Sheet(s). Owner: Goings, Kenneth W.)*
- 20100816171227405.pdf: Transition Policy  
*(Transition Policy. Owner: Goings, Kenneth W.)*

**Comments****Workflow Information**

Status	User(s)	Date/Time	Step
Submitted	Goings, Kenneth W.	09/08/2010 02:37 PM	Submitted for Approval
Approved	Goings, Kenneth W.	09/08/2010 02:39 PM	Unit Approval
Pending Approval	Williams, Valarie Lucille	09/08/2010 02:39 PM	College Approval

## Letter from the Program-offering Unit/Rationale

The department's Graduate Committee meet throughout winter '09 and Spring'10 to examine our graduate program. Very early on in the process the Committee decided not to make any major changes in our M.A. program. Instead the Committee decided to make a literal translation from our quarter based program to a semester based program. This did entail reducing the overall number of courses by eliminating some which were no longer relevant to the program and by combining some two quarter sequence courses into one semester courses.

There were two predominant factors in our decision not to make major changes at this time. First, the department will be going through a program review in 2010-2011 and wanted the perspective of the program reviewers before launching any major changes. And secondly, once the review and the conversion are complete the Department has voted to start work on creating a Ph.D. program. Attempting to create a Ph.D. program during the conversion period was thought to be impractical.

The department as a whole also meet on these issues and voted to support the action f of the Graduate Curriculum Committee.

### **Semester Course Listing**

#### **AAAS Graduate Program**

Semester Number	Course title
5193	Individual Studies
5194	Group Studies
5485.01	Southern Africa: Society and Culture
5485.02	West Africa: Society and Culture
5798	Study Abroad in Africa and the Diaspora
6189.01	Service Learning Community Service
6189.02	Service Learning Grant proposal Writing
6194	Graduate Group Studies
6757.01	Graduate Studies in African American Literature, 1746 to 1900
6757.02	Introduction to Graduate Studies in African American Literature, 1900 to Present

6999	Master's Thesis
7717	African American Social Movement Leadership
7725	Political Development of sub-Saharan Africa
7730	Black Political movements and Organizations
7732	Law, Politics and human rights in Africa
7420	African Historiography and Methodology
7430	Studies in African History
7750	Language and Society in Africa
7751	Introduction to Graduate Studies in African Literature
7520	Readings in African American History
7753	Graduate Survey in African American and African Studies
7754	Methodological Perspectives in African American and African Studies
7756	Theorizing Race and Ethnicity
7580	Enslavement, Emancipation, Colonial and Post-Colonial Realities
7759	Topics in African Diaspora Studies
7760	African Pop Culture
7765	African Social Movements in the Age of Globalization
7792	Interdepartmental Studies in the Humanities
7781	Topics in African Political Philosophy
7810	Topics in Black Feminist Theory
7833	Seminar in U.S./Africa Relations
7851	Approaches to Black Literatures
7862	Mental Health in the African American Community
7XXX	African Americans in Early America

7XXX	African Americans during the Nineteenth Century
7XXX	African Americans during the Twentieth Century
7XXX	African American Historiography
8840	Seminar in Black Masculinity Studies
8863	Reading the African Diaspora
8865	Race, Gender, and class in the Diaspora
8899	Interdepartmental Seminar
8998	Research in African American and African Studies: Thesis

### **Graduate Curriculum Semester Advising Sheet (M.A.)**

**M.A. 36 credit hours, no more than 6 hours outside the dept., 3 credit hours of independent study.**

**M.A. Thesis Plan: 30 credits of course work, 6 hours of thesis research, and an oral examination**

**Non-thesis Plan: 36 credits of course work, a comprehensive written examination, and an oral defense**

**Core Requirement: (9 hours)**

**7753: Survey of African American and African Studies**

**7754: Methodological Perspectives in African American and African Studies**

**7756: Theorizing Race**

**Specific requirements for the African American Studies Concentration 18 hours (Focus Areas 12 hours  
one course from the other two Areas 6 credit hours)**

**Breadth Requirement: at least one course from the other two non-focus areas**

**Focus Areas: 12 credit hour**

**1. Cultural Studies**

**AAAS 7751**

**AAAS/History 7752**

**AAAS 7757.01**

**AAAS7 757.02**

**AAAS/English 8851**

**AAAS/English 8854**

**AAAS/History 8875**

**Focus Area**

**2. Social Studies 12 credit hours**

**AAAS 7717**

**AAAS7730**

**AAAS 775.03**

**AAAS 782**

**AAAS 7862**

**AAAS 7865**

### **Specific Requirements for the African Studies Concentration**

#### **Focus Areas**

**1. Cultural Studies 12 hours**

**Women's Studies 623 (no decision from WS)**

**AAAS 7742**

**AAAS 7743**

**AAAS 7750**

**AAAS7 751**

**AAAS 7760**

**Social Studies 12 credit Hours**

**AAAS 7725**

**AAAS 7732**

**AAAS7 781**

**AAAS 7833**

### **Specific Requirements for the Comparative African Diaspora Concentration**

**12 credit hours**

**AAAS 5705.01**

**AAAS 5705.03**

**AAAS 7792**

**AAAS 8851**

**AAAS 8854**

**AAAS 8860**

**AAAS 8863**



## Transition Policy



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July 29, 2010

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Dear AAAS Major, Minor and other Undergraduate Subscribers to AAAS courses:

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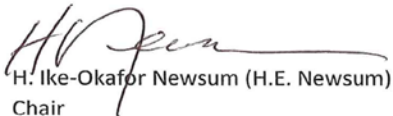
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Sincerely,



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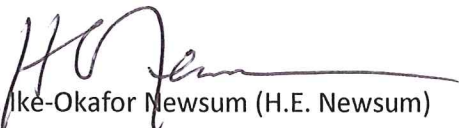
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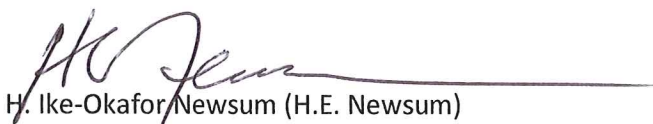
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