

## African and African Diaspora Studies

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## Master of Arts in African & African Diaspora Studies

The M.A. degree in African & African Diaspora Studies provides interdisciplinary, graduate level education and prepares students to develop and employ theoretical, analytical, and methodological approaches the research of critical issues pertaining to African America, Africa and its diasporas. The objective of the M.A. program is to prepare scholars for professional positions in a range of fields and for further study at the Ph.D. level. The M.A. degree can be taken either on-site or online. Multidisciplinary in scope and diverse in approach, the M.A. program in AADS is ideal for candidates interested in a wide array of subjects pertaining to African America, continental Africa and the African diaspora. These include: Social and Public Policy, Cultural Studies, International Relations, Gender and Sexuality Studies, Literary Study, History, Globalization Studies, Education, Religious Studies, Trans-Atlantic Studies, Critical Race Studies, Sociology, and Anthropology. AADS offers both a terminal M.A. and four combined M.A./Ph.D. programs in partnership with International Relations, Atlantic History, Political Science, and Global & Sociocultural Studies. These attract students from around the world interested in subjects that are geographically and disciplinarily diverse, including but by no means limited to: transnational policy analysis; African, African American and Caribbean history and culture; African environmental politics; transnational migrations; African and African diaspora nationalist struggles, and the Asian diasporas in Africa and the Caribbean. Our focus on African diaspora cultural studies facilitates research in Gender and Sexuality, Literatures, Popular Culture, and Religious syncretism. FIU's strong connections with Latin America and the Caribbean make it an ideal place to study Afro-Latin cultures, with a focus on these two regions. The M.A. degree prepares graduates for further study at the Ph.D. level, as well as for professional positions in the public, private, non-profit and international arenas and for employment in education, public policy, public administration, journalism, international organization and other fields.

The MA in African & African Diaspora Studies is cohort-based and only admits students to begin their studies in the fall semester. It is a one-year degree to be completed over three terms: fall, spring, and summer C. The full curriculum comprises 30 credits. Students are expected to enroll in 10 credits of course work per semester, which includes enrollment in the AADS Graduate Colloquium (AFA 6920) each semester for 1 credit. For this 1 credit course, students will work under the supervision of an AADS faculty member to develop and complete the research paper, proposal or report that fulfills the exit requirement.

## Admission Requirements

Each applicant to the African & African Diaspora Studies Graduate Program (AADS) must complete an online graduate application form and arrange to send transcripts of all prior undergraduate and graduate work and official reports of the TOEFL (if applicable) to the FIU's Office of Graduate Admissions. Each applicant should also send a separate statement of purpose to the director of the AADS Graduate Programs, along with copies of the above material, a resume, and writing sample. The statement of purpose should express the applicant's academic and professional objectives as well as specific interest in African & African Diaspora Studies. Applicants are strongly encouraged to include examples of academic or other relevant professional work that may support their application. Applicants must request three letters of recommendation from professors able to comment on their academic ability. The letters of recommendation should be sent directly to the Director of the African & African Diaspora Studies Graduate Programs.

The application file must be complete before the African & African Diaspora Studies Graduate Committee will consider the applicant for admission. For the admissions deadline please go to <http://africana.fiu.edu/academics/admissions/>. To be admitted into the AADS M.A. program a student must meet the University's graduate admission requirements (which can be found in Florida International University's Graduate Catalog), and the following minimum standards:

1. Applicants must have a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university.
2. Applicants must have an undergraduate grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher. Applicants must submit grade transcripts for consideration. The student must also have a GPA of 3.5 on any previous graduate work.
3. Applicants should request that three letters of recommendation from individuals able to judge their academic potential be sent directly to the Director of the African & African Diaspora Studies Graduate Programs. For the exact street address, please consult our website at <http://africana.fiu.edu>.
4. Applicants are encouraged to submit examples of written work and other supporting materials.
5. International graduate student applicants whose native language is not English are required to submit a score for the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or for the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). A total score of 80 on the iBT TOEFL or 6.5 overall on the IELTS is required.

## Financial Aid

Each academic year a limited number of graduate students are hired as graduate assistants. Graduate assistantships are allocated on a competitive basis and typically pay a substantial portion of tuition expenses and provide a stipend. To be considered for an assistantship the applicant must make such a request in writing to the Director of AADS Graduate Programs. The Director of the AADS Graduate Programs will make the awarding of teaching assistantships in consultation with the AADS Director. Students receiving an assistantship are required to perform approximately (but not more than) 20 hours of teaching and research related duties per week and are

required to participate in a one-hour seminar related to teaching at the beginning of their first semester.

## Graduation Requirements

Candidates must obtain a grade of "B" or higher in all courses and achieve a cumulative point average of at least 3.0 (based on a 4.0 scale) and present a satisfactory research paper, proposal or report with scholarly citation styles admitted in the discipline. The selection of the citation style must be made with the research paper/proposal/report advisor. The FIU faculty eligible to serve on a research paper/proposal/report committee are the faculty members who have achieved graduate faculty standing as established by the University Graduate School. Other FIU faculty not identified in that list may be considered to serve on a committee (but not as chairperson of that committee) based on research, identified interest, and publications after approval from the AADS Graduate Programs Director.

## Research Paper/Proposal Option

To fulfill this requirement, the student must compile a portfolio of their most representative work, along with a reflection on each paper of how each paper relates to AADS methods and theories. The portfolio should reflect their academic work and interests. Students will work with the Graduate Program Director and/or faculty mentor to develop their portfolio over the fall and spring semesters. Students will complete the portfolio and are required to give an oral presentation (oral defense) of their portfolio to AADS faculty as a requirement for successful completion of AFA 6911.

The FIU faculty eligible to evaluate the oral presentation are the faculty members who have achieved graduate faculty standing as established by the University Graduate School and are core or affiliated faculty in AADS. Other FIU faculty not identified in that list may be considered to serve on a committee (but not as chairperson of that committee) based on research, identified interest, and publications after approval from the Director of AADS Graduate Programs.

The MA in African & African Diaspora Studies is cohort-based and only admits students to begin their studies in the fall semester. The MA in AADS curriculum unfolds over three terms: fall, spring, and summer C. The full curriculum comprises 30 credits. To graduate on time, students are expected to enroll in courses for 10 credits every term. During the AFA 6920 sessions (AADS Graduate Colloquium; three times 1 credit), enrolled students work closely with the AADS faculty mentor and/or Graduate Program Director to prepare their exit requirement (Portfolio). Students will be assigned such as faculty mentor by the AADS Graduate Program Director (GPD) upon admission. Students may request to work with a specific AADS faculty member. Such selection must be requested by the third week of the fall semester. Before placing such request to the AADS GPD, a student must approach and get the approval of the chosen AADS faculty member. That AADS faculty member will serve as the chairperson of the student's research paper/proposal or internship report committee.

## Required Credits

**Total: 30 credit hours**  
**Term 1 (Fall)**

AFA 5005	African and African Diaspora Studies Theory	3
AFA 5855	Research Methods and Scholarly Writing in Africana Studies	3
One Elective from the list of Humanities or Social Sciences		3
AFA 6920	African and African Diaspora Studies Graduate Colloquium	1

**Term 2 (Spring)**

One Elective from the list of Humanities or Social Sciences		3
One Elective from the list of Humanities or Social Sciences		3
One Elective from the list of Humanities or Social Sciences		3
AFA 6920	African and African Diaspora Studies Graduate Colloquium	1

**Term 3 (Summer C)**

One Elective from the list of Humanities or Social Sciences		3
One Elective from the list of Humanities or Social Sciences		3
AFA 6911	Research Paper/ Proposal Writing in African and African Diaspora Studies	3
AFA 6920	African and African Diaspora Studies Graduate Colloquium	1

**Language Requirement**

Students will be asked to demonstrate proficiency in a language other than English according to the nature of their research paper/proposal and professional interests. Credit hours earned in meeting language requirement will not count toward the 30 credit hours required for the degree.

**List of Electives I: The Humanities which includes history of art, classics, history, literature, performing arts, philosophy, theology, and even anthropology.**

**Students must choose at least 6 from the list below**

With approval of the Graduate Director, students may also select other courses not listed below after submitting the appropriate syllabus.

AFA 5932	Special Topics in African and African Diaspora Studies	
AFA 5107	Teaching the African American Experience	
AFA 5341	Health Issues in the African World	
AFA 5600	National and Transnational Policy Analysis: The African Diaspora	
AFA 6851	Advanced Seminar in African and African Diaspora Studies	
AFH 5905	Readings in African History	
AFH 5935	Topics in African History	
FRE 5508	La Francophonie	
HAI 5235	Haitian Creole Seminar	
LIN 6602	Language Contact	
LIT 5359	African Diaspora Women Writers	
LIT 5358	Black Literature and Literacy/Cultural Theory	
MUH 5025	History of Popular Music in the United States	
MUH 5067	Music of the Caribbean	
RLG 5122	African American Religion	

RLG 5372	The Globalizing of African Spirituality
RLG 5384	Rasta, Vodou, Santeria
RLG 5488	Theology and Liberation Movements
SPN 5536	Afro-Cuban Culture
SPN 5539	Special Topics in Afro-Hispanic Culture
SPW 5776	Black Literature in Latin America
SPW 6368	19th Century Spanish-Caribbean Narrative
WOH 5236	The Transatlantic Slave Trade and the Making of the African Diaspora, 1441-1807
WOH 5237	The African Diaspora Since the End Of the Slave Trade

**List of Electives II: The Social Sciences which includes anthropology; business and management; economics; education; human geography; law; linguistics; media studies; political science and international relations; psychology; social policy and sociology.**

**Students must choose at least 6 from the list below**

ANG 6473	Diasporas, Migration, and Globalization
ANG 5397	Advanced African Diaspora Cultures and Performativity
ANG 5396	Representations of Africa and Africans in Films
ANT 6319	The African Diaspora: Anthropological Perspectives
CPO 5325	Politics of the Caribbean
CPO 6350	Seminar in Brazilian Politics
CPO 6376	Seminar in Central American Politics
CPO 6206	Seminar in African Politics
CYP 6766	The Psychology of Crosscultural Sensitization in a Multicultural Context
ECS 5406	Latin American Economies
ECS 6436	The Economics of Caribbean Migration
ECS 7435	Economics of the Caribbean
INR 5087	Ethnicity and the Politics of Development
INR 5255	Seminar in African Development
INR 6936	Seminar in Inter-American Politics
SYD 6705	Comparative Analysis of Ethnicity and Race

**Accelerated (4+1) BA in Women and Gender Studies/ MA in African and African Diaspora Studies**

Please see Center for Gender and Women's Study Undergraduate Programs page 232.

**MA in African and African Diaspora Studies Required Credits**

**Total: 30 credit hours**

**Term 1 (Fall)**

AFA 5005	African and African Diaspora Studies Theory	3
AFA 5855	Research Methods and Scholarly Writing in Africana Studies	3
One Elective from the list of Humanities or Social Sciences		3
AFA 6920	African and African Diaspora Studies Graduate Colloquium	1

**Term 2 (Spring)**

One Elective from the list of Humanities or Social Sciences	3
One Elective from the list of Humanities or Social Sciences	3
One Elective from the list of Humanities or Social Sciences	3
AFA 6920 African and African Diaspora Studies Graduate Colloquium	1
<b>Term 3 (Summer C)</b>	
One Elective from the list of Humanities or Social Sciences	3
One Elective from the list of Humanities or Social Sciences	3
AFA 6911 Research Paper / Proposal Writing in African and African Diaspora Studies	3
AFA 6920 African and African Diaspora Studies Graduate Colloquium	1

**Language Requirement**

Students will be asked to demonstrate proficiency in a language other than English according to the nature of their research paper/proposal and professional interests. Credit hours earned in meeting language requirement will not count toward the 30 credit hours required for the degree.

**List of Electives I: The Humanities which includes history of art, classics, history, literature, performing arts, philosophy, theology and even anthropology.**

**Students must choose at least 6 credits from the list below**

With approval of the Graduate Director, students may also select other courses not listed below after submitting the appropriate syllabus.

AFA 5932	Special Topics in African and African Diaspora Studies
AFA 5107	Teaching the African American Experience
AFA 5341	Health Issues in the African World
AFA 5600	National and Transnational Policy Analysis: The African Diaspora
AFA 6851	Advanced Seminar in African and African Diaspora Studies
AFH 5905	Readings in African History
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HAI 5235	Haitian Creole Seminar
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RLG 5384	Rasta, Vodou, Santeria
RLG 5488	Theology and Liberation Movements
SPN 5536	Afro-Cuban Culture
SPN 5539	Special Topics in Afro-Hispanic Culture
SPW 5776	Black Literature in Latin America
SPW 6368	19th Century Spanish-Caribbean Narrative

WOH 5236	The Transatlantic Slave Trade and the Making of the African Diaspora, 1441-1807
WHO 5237	The African Diaspora Since the End Of the Slave Trade
<b>List of Electives II: The Social Sciences which includes anthropology; business and management; economics; education; human geography; law; linguistics; media studies; political science and international relations; psychology; social policy and sociology.</b>	
<b>Students must choose at least 6 credits from the list below</b>	
ANG 6473	Diasporas, Migration, and Globalization
ANG 5397	Advanced African Diaspora Cultures and Performativity
ANG 5396	Representations of Africa and Africans in Films
ANT 6319	The African Diaspora: Anthropological Perspectives
CPO 5325	Politics of the Caribbean
CPO 6350	Seminar in Brazilian Politics
CPO 6376	Seminar in Central American Politics
CPO 6206	Seminar in African Politics
CYP 6766	The Psychology of Crosscultural Sensitization in a Multicultural Context
ECS 5406	Latin American Economies
ECS 6436	The Economics of Caribbean Migration
ECS 7435	Economics of the Caribbean
INR 5087	Ethnicity and the Politics of Development
INR 5255	Seminar in African Development
INR 6936	Seminar in Inter-American Politics
SYD 6705	Comparative Analysis of Ethnicity and Race

### **M.A. in African & African Diaspora Studies/Ph.D. in Global and Sociocultural Studies Combined Degree Pathway**

The combined African & African Diaspora Studies MA/Global & Sociocultural Studies PhD pathway allows qualified graduate students to develop an expertise in African & African Diaspora Studies by earning an MA in AADS while progressing toward a PhD in one of the three major areas in the Global and Sociocultural Studies Department geography, sociology, or anthropology.

**Admission Requirements**

Applicants must meet the following minimum requirements to be considered for admission.

1. Baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution for higher education (or equivalent);
2. Minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.2 on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent) for the last two years of undergraduate work and/or a GPA of 3.5 on any previous graduate work;
3. Official Graduate Record Exam (GRE) scores;
4. International graduate student applicants whose native language is not English and who have not obtained a degree from an English-speaking academic institution are required to submit a score for the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)

or for the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). A total score of 80 on the internet-based TOEFL (equivalent to 550 on the paper-based version) or a 6.5 overall on the IELTS is required.

### Admission Procedure

To be accepted into this program, students must submit an application to the PhD in Global and Sociocultural Studies with a sub-plan for a MA in African & African Diaspora Studies. This designation will appear in the menu of programs in the graduate application. To be accepted into this program, students must submit an application by **January 1** in the year in which they wish to begin their studies.

The following documents must be submitted and will be reviewed by the Admissions Committees from both units.

The following must be submitted as part of the on-line application:

1. Online application and application fee;
2. Official transcripts for all undergraduate and graduate coursework;
3. Official GRE scores;
4. Official TOEFL scores, if applicable;
5. Statement of purpose explaining his/her interest for enrolling in both the AADS MA program and in the PhD program in GSS. The statement of purpose must clearly address the applicant's academic and professional objectives for enrolling in both fields of inquiry. The statement of purpose must also indicate the intended major (anthropology, geography, or sociology) the applicant plans to select while engaged in the PhD in GSS;
6. Three letters of recommendation from university professors who are able to comment on the various aspects of the student's academic ability;
7. A curriculum vitae; and
8. Writing samples and other relevant professional work that may support their applications.

### Degree Requirements for M.A. in African & African Diaspora Studies

This 30-credit, one year, three-semester program occurring over the Fall, Spring, and Summer includes 9 credits of core AADS courses, which includes 3 credits for the directed research paper exit option, 9 credits of core Global and Sociocultural Studies courses, and 12 credits of electives. There is also a Foreign Language Requirement.

#### MA in AADS Core (9 credits)

AFA 5005	African & African Diaspora Studies Theory	3
AFA 5855	Research Methods in African and African Diaspora Studies	3
AFA 6920	African & African Diaspora Studies Graduate Colloquium (3 credits- 1 credit over three semesters)	

#### Combined MA in AADS/PhD in Global and Sociocultural Studies Core

SYA 6127	Theory and Inquiry	3
ANG 5093	Research Methods	3

#### MA in AADS Elective (15 credits)

Nine credits of elective courses with an AADS focus must be from the Global and Sociocultural Studies Department. Six credits may be from outside of the Department but within the Green School and/or the College of Arts & Sciences. Students wishing to take courses outside of the Green School and the College of Arts & Sciences must seek prior approval.

**Note:** Students are advised to take at least 9 of these elective credits in their chosen major discipline for GSS (anthropology, geography, or sociology).

#### MA in AADS Research Proposal option

To graduate from the MA in AADS, students enrolled in this combined MA/PhD pathway must elect to complete either a research proposal or research paper for their exit option. Those who elect to write a research proposal must take AFA 6911 Research Paper/Proposal Writing in African and African Diaspora Studies.

#### MA in AADS Language Requirement

Students must demonstrate proficiency in a language other than English according to the nature of their thesis or research paper/proposal and professional interests.

#### Application for Graduation from MA in AADS

Students should apply for graduation for the MA in AADS during the summer term if they are on track for completing all requirements for the degree — including the exit option. Ordinarily, the MA will be conferred before the student advances to candidacy for the PhD in Global and Sociocultural Studies.

#### Matriculation to PhD in GSS

All students must undergo a successful M.A. review upon completion of the AADS Masters Program requirements in order to continue toward the Ph.D. in GSS. The GSS Graduate Committee, along with an appointee from AADS, conducts these reviews. The purpose of the M.A. review is to determine the ability of the student to do Ph.D. level work with the department's faculty. Among the information considered during the review are students' performances and grades in courses, and faculty recommendations.

### Degree Requirements for Ph.D. in Global and Sociocultural Studies

The doctorate in Global and Sociocultural Studies requires a minimum of 75 credits beyond the baccalaureate including a dissertation based on original research. 30 credits of the MA in AADS will count toward the 75-credit minimum. Thus, a minimum of 45 credits must be earned beyond the MA.

#### Major Courses (33 credits)

All doctoral students will choose a major in Anthropology, Geography, or Sociology. The following distribution of coursework is required.

- a). Major theory (3)
- b). Major methods (3)
- c). Major course electives (6 minimum)
- d). Exam and dissertation credits and GSS and non-GSS Department electives
  - Doctoral Exam Preparation (6 maximum)
  - Doctoral Dissertation (15 minimum)

#### General Electives (12 credits)

GSS and non-GSS Department electives

### Ph.D. General Examination

After successfully completing the common core requirements, the major's course requirements, and electives, a student prepares for the Ph.D. General Exam by enrolling in a maximum of six credits of exam preparation for their major. In preparation for the exam, a student forms a dissertation committee according to the regulations published on the University Graduate School web page (<http://gradschool.fiu.edu>). The Ph.D. General Exam addresses the student's anticipated dissertation topic, and is conducted according to the University Graduate School Policies and Procedures Manual and the Department's Ph.D. General Exam guidelines.

### The Dissertation Proposal and Defense/Candidacy Exam

After passing the Ph.D. General Exam, a student works under the guidance of the dissertation committee to prepare a dissertation proposal and defend it orally before the committee. The chair of the dissertation committee must hold Dissertation Advisor Status from the University Graduate School. The proposal defense serves as the doctoral candidacy exam for the Ph.D. program in Global and Sociocultural Studies. Upon passing the proposal defense, a student is admitted to candidacy status.

### The Dissertation and Dissertation Defense

After successfully defending a dissertation proposal, a student conducts the proposed research and completes a dissertation under the guidance of a dissertation committee. Only after successfully defending the dissertation proposal may a student register for dissertation hours (ANG 7980, GEO 7980, or SYA 7980). The Ph.D. program requires a student to be continuously enrolled in a minimum of 3 hours of Doctoral Dissertation each semester from the time of advancement to candidacy until completion of the dissertation, including summers. Upon completion of the dissertation manuscript and authorization by the committee, a student defends the dissertation before the committee and the University community. The University Graduate School's regulations governing the dissertation are described at <http://gradschool.fiu.edu>.

### MA in African & African Diaspora Studies/Ph.D. in History Combined Degree Pathway

The Combined African & African Diaspora Studies MA / Ph.D. in History pathway allows qualified graduate students to complete the MA in African & African Diaspora Studies (MA in AADS) en route to the Ph.D. in History. This PATHWAY will train doctoral students within the discipline of Atlantic History while giving them area studies expertise in African & African Diaspora Studies. In combination, these two programs provide a beneficial synthesis for interdisciplinary approaches to both the Atlantic world and the African diasporic experience.

### Admission Requirements

Applicants must meet the following minimum requirements to be considered for admission.

1. Baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution for higher education (or equivalent);
2. Minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent) for the last two years of undergraduate work and/or a GPA of 3.25 on any previous graduate work;
3. Official Graduate Record Exam (GRE) scores;
4. International graduate student applicants whose native language is not English and have not obtained a degree from an English-speaking academic institution are required to submit a score for the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or for the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). A total score of 90 on the IBT TOEFL (equivalent to 575 on the paper-based version of the Test of English as a Foreign Language) is required.

### Admission Procedure

To be accepted into this pathway, students must submit an application to the PhD in History with a sub plan for a MA in African & African Diaspora Studies. This designation will appear in the menu of programs in the graduate application. Applicants should prepare all application materials in time for the Department of History and the Office of Graduate Admissions to receive them no later than **December 1** for the following year's fall admissions. Applicants will be notified of the Department's recommendation regarding their application no later than March 15.

The following documents must be submitted as part of the application. They will be reviewed by the Admissions Committee from both units.

1. Official transcripts of all prior college-level work (undergraduate Bachelor's degree and any graduate transcripts);
2. Official GRE scores or equivalent;
3. Official TOEFL scores, if applicable;
4. A curriculum vita;
5. A detailed statement of research interests, reasons for seeking the MA/ PhD, future career goals, a summary of scholarly and extra-curricular activities, and the names of History Department faculty members who would be appropriate dissertation advisors (Note: Consult the department website for information about faculty members)
6. A writing sample (such as a seminar paper) which demonstrates the ability to conduct research and write effectively; and
7. Three letters of reference from academic sources or others able to judge academic abilities and potential.

In addition, an interview (in person or phone) with members of the MA in AADS Program and/or appropriate faculty in the Department of History is highly recommended.

### MA in African & African Diaspora Studies (MA in AADS)

This 30-credit, one year, three-semester program occurring over the Fall, Spring, and Summer includes 9 credits of core AADS courses, which includes 3 credits for the directed research paper exit option, 9 credits core History courses, and 12 credits of electives. There is also a Foreign Language Requirement.

### MA in AADS Core Courses: (9 credits)

AFA 5005	African and African Diaspora Studies Theory	3
AFA 5855	Research Methods in African and African Diaspora Studies	3
AFA 6920	AADS graduate colloquium (3 credits- 1 credit over three semesters)	

**Combined MA in AADS/PhD in History Core Courses: (9 credits)**

HIS 6059	Historical Methods	3
6 credits in any of the following courses, or any other graduate History courses with an AADS focus.		
AFA 6851	Advanced Seminar in African and African Diaspora Studies	
AFH 5905	Readings in Asian History	
AFH 5935	Topics in African History	
AFH 6915	Research in African History	
AFH 6932	Research Seminar in African History I	
AFH 6933	Research Seminar in African History II	
WOH 5236	The Transatlantic Slave Trade and the Making of African Diaspora, 1441-1807	
WOH 5237	The African Diaspora Since the End of the Slave Trade	

**MA in AADS Elective (12 credits)**

12 credits of elective courses with an AADS focus, at least 6 credits of which are from within the Department of History (making a total of 15 History credits) such as those on the following list:

AFA 6851	Advanced Seminar in African and African Diaspora Studies
AFH 5905	Readings in African History
AFH 5935	Topics in African History
AFH 6915	Research in African History
AFH 6932	Research Seminar in African History I
AFH 6933	Research Seminar in African History II
WOH 5236	The Transatlantic Slave Trade and the Making of African Diaspora, 1441-1807
WOH 5237	The African Diaspora Since the End of the Slave Trade

Students wishing to take courses outside of the Green School and/or the College of Arts & Sciences must seek prior approval from the Graduate Program Directors of the MA and PhD programs.

**MA in AADS Research Proposal Option**

To graduate from the MA in AADS, students enrolled in this combined MA/PhD program must elect the research proposal option and take the proposal writing course AFA 6911 Research Paper/Proposal Writing in African and African Diaspora Studies.

**MA in AADS Language Requirement**

Students must demonstrate proficiency in a language other than English according to the nature of their thesis or research paper/proposal and professional interests.

**Application for Graduation from MA in AADS**

Students should apply for graduation for the MA in AADS during the summer term if they are on track for completing all requirements for the degree – including the exit option.

Ordinarily, the MA will be conferred before the student advances to candidacy for the PhD in History.

**Ph.D. in History**

Students will begin study toward the Ph.D. in History immediately following their satisfactory completion of MA in AADS degree requirements. Students are expected to meet all the degree requirements for the Ph.D. in History, which requires a total of 75 credits.

Courses required *in addition to* the degree requirements for the MA in African & African Diaspora Studies (minimum 45 credits)

HIS 6906	Advanced Readings in Atlantic Civilization	3
HIS 6918	Research in Atlantic Civilization	3
6 credits outside of AADS and Atlantic Civilization (also excluding Methods), 3 credits of which must be in a comparative course (HIS or WOH prefix)		
Electives		18
HIS 7890	Dissertation	15

**Language Requirements**

All students must acquire reading competence in two languages other than English. The language requirement may be fulfilled in one of two ways: 1) achieving a High Pass on the department examination in one language, and at least a Pass on the second; or 2) achieving a Pass or High Pass in departmental examination in one language, and competency in social science quantitative skills, demonstrated by receiving a grade of "B" or "B+", for Pass, and "A" or "A-", for High pass, in an appropriate course approved for this purpose by the Graduate Program Director. At least one High Pass must be received. Language requirements vary, according to the concentration fields. In cases where the dissertation will be in the history of US or English-speaking countries, one language plus the quantitative skill is sufficient. In Latin American history, either Spanish or Portuguese, and a second language appropriate to the student's field are required. Language exams will be graded on a High Pass, Pass, and Fail basis; a High pass is required in the student's primary language. Students should check with the Department's Graduate Program Director to determine which languages are appropriate for their program of studies.

**Comprehensive Examinations and the Dissertation**

Following completion of all course work, satisfaction of language requirements, and the constitution of a dissertation committee, students will be required to pass a written and an oral comprehensive examination. After the completion of their comprehensive examinations and the approval of a dissertation proposal by their dissertation committee, students will write a doctoral dissertation. The time needed for the research and writing of dissertations in History is variable, although doctoral candidates normally spend one year engaged in continuous field research and a second year in full-time writing.

**Restrictions**

1. The grade of "B" or better is required for graduate credit.

2. At the end of the second semester of residence, or upon completion of the first 18 credit-hours of work, the Graduate Committee will examine and evaluate the student's progress and prospects. Professors will provide detailed written evaluations of the work of all first-year Ph.D. students they have taught. Students whose progress is deemed insufficient will be advised to withdraw from the program.
3. No more than 6 semester-hours of Topics (5935) courses toward meeting the degree requirements, without permission of the Graduate Program Director.
4. No more than 6 semester-hours of HIS 5908 (Independent Study) toward meeting the degree requirements, without permission of the Graduate Program Director.

### **M.A. in African & African Diaspora Studies/Ph.D. in International Relations Combined Degree Pathway**

The combined African & African Diaspora Studies M.A./International Relations Ph.D. pathway allows qualified graduate students to pursue both degrees at the same time.

#### **Admission Requirements**

To be accepted into this pathway, students must simultaneously submit applications for the M.A. in African & African Diaspora Studies and the Ph.D. in International Relations by January 15 in the year in which they wish to begin their studies.

To be considered for admission, students must meet the following requirements:

1. Minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.2 in undergraduate work.
2. Minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.5 in any prior graduate work.
3. Official Graduate Record Exam (GRE) scores.
4. International graduate student applicants whose native language is not English are required to submit a score for the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or for the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). A total score of 90 on the iBT TOEFL (equivalent to 575 on the paper-based version of the Test of English as a Foreign Language) is required.

Applicants must follow the admission procedures for both programs (see the appropriate sections in this graduate catalog). Only applications to begin studies in the fall semester will be considered. This designation will appear in the menu of programs in the graduate application, and students must indicate their intention to apply for this combined degree pathway.

Each applicant must complete an online graduate application form and arrange to send transcripts of all prior college (undergraduate and graduate) work and official reports of the Graduate Records Exam (GRE) and TOEFL (if applicable) to FIU's Office of Graduate Admissions.

Each applicant should also submit a separate statement of purpose, along with copies of the above material. The letter of application should include a statement expressing the applicant's academic and professional objectives. Applicants must include writing samples and other relevant professional work that may

support their applications. Applicants must request three letters of recommendation from university professors who are able to comment on the various aspects of the student's academic ability. The letters of recommendation should be sent directly to the Director of the African & African Diaspora Studies Graduate Programs. AADS will photocopy the recommendation letters once they are all in and send them to the International Relations Graduate Program Director.

The application file must be complete before the African & African Diaspora Studies/International Relations Graduate Program Committees will consider the applicant for admission. We encourage applicants to send their application material sooner.

#### **Required Credits**

Students must fulfill the requirements for both programs. The 30 credits for the M.A. in AADS earned by students will count toward the 75 credits required for the Ph.D. in INR.

#### **Language Requirement**

Students must demonstrate proficiency in a language other than English according to the nature of their thesis or research paper/proposal and professional interests. The Director of AADS Graduate Programs will ask a university faculty member fluent in the language of interest to the student, to evaluate the student's fluency by asking her/him to summarize or synthesize the content of a text of between 10 to 20 pages, published in that language, in no more than one page. That exercise will have to take place at the university during a limited period of time. The text will be given to the student at the beginning of the exercise. The chosen text will have some connection to the student's research interest. Once a student has demonstrated proficiency for the M.A. in African & African Diaspora Studies, that proficiency will be recognized by the International Relations Ph.D. program. Therefore, proficiency in a foreign language will not be part of the candidacy exam. Credit hours earned in meeting the language requirement will not count towards the 30 credit hours required for the M.A. degree.

Students should apply for graduation with the M.A. in African & African Diaspora Studies as soon as they have completed all requirements for the degree – including the exit requirements, as specified for the M.A. in African & African Diaspora Studies. Ordinarily, students will complete these requirements and earn their M.A. before advancing to candidacy for the Ph.D. in International Relations. The research paper/proposal option is the only option available for students enrolled in this combined M.A./Ph.D. pathway.

### **Masters of Arts in African & African Diaspora Studies Requirements**

This 30-credit, one year, three semester program occurring over the Fall, Spring, and Summer includes 9 credits of core AADS courses, which includes 3 credits for the directed research paper exit option, 6 credits of core International Relations courses, and 15 credits of electives. There is also a Foreign Language Requirement.

#### **MA in AADS Core Courses: (9 credits)**

AFA 5005 African and African Diaspora Studies Theory



AFA 5855	Research Methods in African and African Diaspora Studies	3
AFA 6920	African and African Diaspora Studies Graduate Colloquium	3-
	1 semester of graduate colloquium	

### Combined MA in AADS/PhD in International Relations Core Courses: (6 credits)

INR 5609	Contemporary Dynamics of International Relations	3
INR 6706	Political Economy of International Relations	3

### M.A. in AADS in electives (15 credits)

15 credits of elective courses with an AADS focus may be from outside the International Relations Department and within the Green School and/or the College of Arts & Sciences. Students wishing to take courses outside of the Green School must seek prior approval.

### MA in AADS Research Proposal or Paper Option

To graduate from the MA in AADS, students enrolled in this combined MA/PhD pathway must elect to complete either a research proposal or research paper for their exit option. Those who elect to write a research proposal must take AFA 6911 Research Paper/Proposal Writing in African and African Diaspora Studies.

### Doctor of Philosophy in International Relations (75 credits)

The following courses in addition to all 30 M.A. credits:

INR 5615	Research Design in International Relations	3
GEO 6473	Space, Place, and Identity	3
INR 6608	Contemporary International Relations Theory	3

### Major and Minor Fields: (12 credits)

Major field of study	9
Minor field of study	3

### Electives: (6 credits)

Additional elective course work according to the specific information about elective courses indicated in the Ph.D. in INR section of the catalog.

### Comprehensive Examinations

Once students have achieved 60 credits of course work, they must sit for written examinations on the core sequence of their fields as per the Ph.D. in INR section of the catalog.

### Dissertation: (15 credits)

See the university catalog for relevant sections of the Ph.D. Program in International Relations for details.

### MA in African & African Diaspora Studies/Ph.D. in Political Science Combined Degree Pathway

The combined African & African Diaspora Studies M.A./Political Science Ph.D. pathway allows qualified graduate students to pursue both degrees at the same time.

### Admission Requirements

To be accepted into this pathway, students must simultaneously submit applications for the M.A. in African & African Diaspora Studies and the Ph.D. in Political Science by January 15 in the year in which they wish to begin their studies.

To be considered for admission, students must meet the following requirements:

1. Minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.2 in undergraduate work.
2. Minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.5 in any prior graduate work.
3. Official Graduate Record Exam (GRE) scores from with the last five years.
4. International graduate student applicants whose native language is not English are required to submit a score for the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or for the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). A total score of 90 on the iBT TOEFL (equivalent to 575 on the paper-based version of the Test of English as a Foreign Language) is required.

Applicants must follow the admission procedures for both programs (see the appropriate sections in this graduate catalog). Only applications to begin studies in the fall semester will be considered. This designation will appear in the menu of programs in the graduate application, and students must indicate their intention to apply for this combined degree pathway.

Each applicant must complete an online graduate application form and arrange to send transcripts of all prior college (undergraduate and graduate) work and official reports of the Graduate Records Exam (GRE) and TOEFL (if applicable) to FIU's Office of Graduate Admissions.

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The application file must be complete before the African & African Diaspora Studies/International Relations Graduate Program Committees will consider the applicant for admission. We encourage applicants to send their application material sooner.

### Required Credits

Students must fulfill the requirements for both programs. The 30 credits for the M.A. in AADS will count toward the required coursework for the doctoral program.

### Masters of Arts in African & African Diaspora Studies Requirements

This 30-credit, one year, three semester program occurring over the Fall, Spring, and Summer includes 9 credits of core AADS courses, which includes 3 credits for

the directed research paper exit option, 6 credits of core Political Science courses, and 12 credits of electives. Students are encouraged to select eligible Political Science courses to fulfill their MA elective requirements and must seek advanced approval from the Political Science Graduate Program Director in order to have these credits applied to the Ph.D. course requirements. There is also a Foreign Language Requirement.

**MA in AADS Core Courses: (9 credits)**

AFA 5005	African and African Diaspora Studies Theory	3
AFA 5855	Research Methods in African and African Diaspora Studies	3
AFA 6920	African and African Diaspora Studies Graduate Colloquium (3-1 credit over three semesters)	

**Combined MA in AADS/PhD in International Relations Core Courses: (6 credits)**

POS 5607	Research Methods	3
POS 5716	Foundations in Political Science	3

**M.A. in AADS in electives (15 credits)**

15 credits of elective courses with an AADS focus are required. Students are encouraged to select courses from within the Political Science Department. If students wish to take electives from outside the Political Science Department and within the Green School and/or the College of Arts & Sciences, they must seek prior approval from the Graduate Program Directors of both AADS and Political Science

**List of Approved Elective Courses**

AFA 5932	Special Topics in African and African Diaspora Studies
AFA 6245	African Diaspora in Latin America
AFA 5600	National and Transnational Policy Analysis: The African Diaspora
AFA 5341	Health Issues in the African World
AFA 6217	Sex, Race, and Power in European Colonial Times (crosslisted with SYD 6796)
ANG 6473	Diasporas, Migration, and Globalization
CPO 5278	Comparative Racial Politics
CPO 5325	Politics of the Caribbean
CPO 6350	Seminar in Brazilian Politics
CPO 6376	Seminar in Central American Politics
CPO 6206	Seminar in African Politics
ECS 5406	Latin American Economics
ECS 6436	The Economics of Caribbean Migration
ECS 7435	Economics of the Caribbean
HIS 5930	Special Topics: US and the Caribbean
INR 5087	Ethnicity and the Politics of Development
INR 5255	Seminar in African Development
INR 6936	Seminar in Inter-American Politics
ISS 6317	Social Science Research Quantitative Methods I
LAH 5465	Peoples, Culture and Politics of Haiti
LAW 6234	Race and Law
REL 5488	Theology and Liberation Movements
SYD 6705	Comparative Analysis of Ethnicity and Race
WOH 5236	The Transatlantic Slave Trade and the Making of the African Diaspora, 1441-1807

WOH 5237 The African Diaspora Since the End of the Slave Trade

**MA in AADS Research Proposal or Paper Option**

To graduate from the MA in AADS, students enrolled in this combined MA/PhD pathway must elect to complete either a research proposal or research paper for their exit option. Those who elect to write a research proposal must take AFA 6911 Research Paper/Proposal Writing in African and African Diaspora Studies.

**Language Requirement**

Students must demonstrate proficiency in a language other than English according to the nature of their research paper/proposal and professional interests. The Director of AADS Graduate Programs will ask a university faculty member fluent in the language of interest to the student, to evaluate the student's fluency by asking her/him to summarize or synthesize the context of a text of between 10 to 20 pages, published in that language, in no more than one page. That exercise will have to take place at the university during a limited period of time. The text will be given to the student at the beginning of the exercise. The chosen text will have some connection to the student's research interest. Once a student has demonstrated proficiency for the M.A. in African and African Diaspora Studies, that proficiency will be recognized by the Political Science Ph.D. program. Therefore, proficiency in a foreign language will not be part of the candidacy exam. Credit hours earned in meeting the language requirement will not count towards the 30 credit hours required for the M.A. degree.

Students should apply for graduation with the M.A. in African and African Diaspora Studies as soon as they have completed all requirement for the degree — including the exit requirements, as specified for the M.A. in African and African Diaspora Studies. Ordinarily, students will complete these requirements and earn their M.A. before advancing to candidacy for the Ph.D. in Political Science. The research paper/proposal option is the only option available for students enrolled in this combined M.A./Ph.D. pathway.

**Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science (76 credits)**

The following courses are required for the PhD in Political Science. The M.A. earned credits that are eligible to be applied to the Ph.D. must be approved in advanced by the Political Science Graduate Program Director:

POS 5702	Teaching Political Science	1
POS 6918	Seminar in Political Science Methodology	3
CPO 5091	Seminar in Comparative Politics	3
INR 5007	Seminar in International Politics	3
POS 5045	Seminar in American Politics	3
POT 5007	Seminar in Political Theory	3
	Two Examination Fields (minimum)	12
	Third Specialization (minimum)	9
	Approved Electives(minimum)	9

**Language Requirement**

The Political Science Ph.D. program requires competency in one foreign language or demonstrated competency in computer and methodological techniques when considered more appropriate. Language competency must

be demonstrated prior to taking the comprehensive examinations.

### Comprehensive Examinations

After satisfactory completion of course work, students will take comprehensive exams in two chosen subfields before admitted to candidacy and defending a dissertation proposal. The comprehensive exams require a demonstration of broad knowledge of the two examination fields.

Comprehensive examinations are given twice yearly, in mid-September and in mid-January.

### Dissertation (minimum 24 credits)

After passing the comprehensive exams, students are admitted to candidacy and enroll for dissertation credits under the supervision of their dissertation advisors. Candidates will prepare and defend a dissertation proposal. Upon completion of the work, a public defense of the dissertation will be scheduled in accordance with university policy.

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## Course Descriptions

### Definition of Prefixes

AFA-African and African Diaspora Studies

**AFA 5005 African and African Diaspora Studies Theory (3).** Explores the emergence of three fields of inquiry in Africana Studies: African Studies, African Diaspora Studies, and African-American Studies. Focus on major themes, ideas, and diverse conceptual and theoretical perspectives. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

**AFA 5107 Teaching the African-American Experience (3).** Teachers Institute on literature, culture, history, politics designed to meet Florida State Teachers Certification requirements. Includes instruction on pedagogy, practical teaching methods, and FCAT.

**AFA 5248 Transnational Connections: Latin America and the Caribbean in Africa (3).** Analyzes the dynamic transnational relationships that have unfolded across the South Atlantic between Latin America and the Caribbean and Sub-Saharan Africa over time.

**AFA 5302 Africana Visual Arts (3).** A study of Africana, African, and/or African Diaspora Visual aesthetics. It examines relationships between Africana Visual arts and other creative forms. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

**AFA 5341 Health Issues in the African World (3).** Examination of the history of the biomedicine system and its relationship to African populations, and the evolution of this relationship with respect to disease in the contemporary world. The course is organized to promote awareness of the impact of culture, ethnicity, racism, class on public health research.

**AFA 5600 National and Transnational Policy Analysis: The African Diaspora (3).** Analysis of national and transnational policies as they directly relate and impact the African Diaspora. Prerequisite: Graduate Standing.

**AFA 5855 Research Methods and Scholarly Writing in Africana Studies (3).** This proseminar addresses research methods for the multi- and inter-disciplinary study of sociocultural realities to African and African Diaspora peoples, globally.

**AFA 5932 Special Topics in African and African Diaspora Studies (3).** An examination of different features of Continental Africa and the African Diaspora not normally offered in the basic curriculum or otherwise offered. May be repeated. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

**AFA 5934 Special Topics in Black Transnationalism (3).** A course designed to give groups of students special studies in the black experience transnationally. Prerequisite: Graduate Standing.

**AFA 6217 Sex, Race, and Power in European Colonialisms (3).** Critical examination of sexual intimacy in colonial contexts between European colonizers and colonized people. An exploration of the intersection between racialization and sexualization. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

**AFA 6245 The African Diaspora in Latin America (3).** Advanced exploration of the historical, socioeconomic, and political realities of African diasporic communities in Central America, the Caribbean, and South America. Corequisite: Graduate standing.

**AFA 6851 Advanced Seminar in African and African Diaspora Studies (3).** Reflections on the global diversity of black subjectivities and African and African diasporic communities and experiences. A research paper/research proposal writing seminar. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

**AFA 6905 Independent Study (0-6).** Student generated research projects in African and African Diaspora Studies. Independent investigation, reports on individual and assigned reading with AADS core and affiliated faculty.

**AFA 6911 Research Paper/Proposal Writing in African and African Diaspora Studies (3).** Development of skills in writing research papers and/or proposals. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

**AFA 6920 African and African Diaspora Studies Graduate Colloquium (1-3).** Colloquia, symposia, lectures, conferences presented by faculty, visiting scholars, and graduate students on topics of current research interest. May be repeated with departmental approval. Prerequisites: Graduate standing, graduate advisor approval.

**AFA 6940 Community Project/Internship Research in African and African Diaspora Studies (0-6).** Qualitative and quantitative research using a variety of sources. Research projects conducted in the field by students under faculty supervision. May be repeated. Prerequisite: Permission of the department required.

**AFA 6971 Thesis Research in African and African Diaspora Studies (1-6).** Quantitative and qualitative research using a variety of sources, e.g. primary and secondary documents, filed research under faculty supervision. May be repeated with departmental approval. Prerequisites: Graduate standing, graduate advisor approval.