

## DOCUMENTS OF THE GENERAL FACULTY

**PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE TRANSCRIPT-RECOGNIZED AFRICAN STUDIES CERTIFICATE  
IN THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS CHAPTER IN THE *UNDERGRADUATE CATALOG, 2016-  
2018***

Dean Randy L. Diehl, in the College of Liberal Arts has filed with the secretary of the Faculty Council the following addition to the *Undergraduate Catalog, 2016-2018*. The secretary has classified this proposal as legislation of *exclusive* application and of primary interest only to a single college or school.

The Committee on Undergraduate Degree Program Review recommended approval of the changes on February 3, 2016, and forwarded the proposal to the Office of the General Faculty. The Faculty Council has the authority to approve this legislation on behalf of the General Faculty. The authority to grant final approval on this legislation resides with UT System.

If no objection is filed with the Office of the General Faculty by the date specified below, the legislation will be held to have been approved by the Faculty Council. If an objection is filed within the prescribed period, the legislation will be presented to the Faculty Council at its next meeting. The objection, with reasons, must be signed by a member of the Faculty Council.

To be counted, a protest must be received in the Office of the General Faculty by February 11, 2016.



Hillary Hart, Secretary  
General Faculty and Faculty Council

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- 1. Type of Proposal**     New Certificate Program (requiring THECB notification only)  
 Change an Existing Certificate Program  
 Delete a Program

**Proposed classification**     Exclusive     General     Major

**2. THIS PROPOSAL INVOLVES (Please check all that apply)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Courses in other colleges                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Courses in proposer's college that are frequently taken by students in other colleges                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Flags  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Course in the core curriculum                | <input type="checkbox"/> Change in course sequencing for an existing program   | <input type="checkbox"/> Courses that have to be added to the inventory |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Change in admission requirements (external or internal) | <input type="checkbox"/> Requirements not explicit in the catalog language (e.g., lists of acceptable courses maintained by department office) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other:   |

**3. SCOPE OF PROPOSED CHANGE**

- a. Does this proposal impact other colleges/schools?    Yes  No   
If yes, then how?
- b. Do you anticipate a net change in the number of students in your college?    Yes  No   
If yes, how many more (or fewer) students do you expect?
- c. Do you anticipate a net increase (or decrease) in the number of students from outside of your college taking classes in your college?    Yes  No   
If yes, please indicate the number of students and/or class seats involved.
- d. Do you anticipate a net increase (or decrease) in the number of students from your college taking courses in other colleges?    Yes  No

**If 3 a, b, c, or d was answered with yes, please answer the following questions. If the proposal has potential budgetary impacts for another college/school, such as requiring new sections or a non-negligible increase in the number of seats offered, at least one contact must be at the college-level.**

How many students do you expect to be impacted:

Impacted schools must be contacted and their response(s) included:

Date of communication:

Response:

**4. Official Certificate Name:** Undergraduate Certificate: African Studies Certificate

**5. Proposed Implementation Date:** Fall 2016

**6. CIP Code** (administrative unit awarding the certificate): 05.0201.01

**7. Statement of Objective:**

The African Studies Certificate requirements were incorrectly listed in the 14-16 catalog – the catalog listed AFR 303 instead of AFR 304. This change proposal is to list the correct course for the African Studies Certificate requirement.

**8. Number of Students Expected to Receive the Certificate Each Semester:** Ten

**9. Number of Hours Required for Completion:**<sup>1</sup> Eighteen

**10. List Faculty on the Certificate Program Faculty Committee.**

Name of Faculty Member	College/Department	Title at UT Austin	Highest Degree and Awarding Institution
Omoniyi Afolabi*	COLA/AADS and SPN	Associate Professor of AADS and of SPN	PhD, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Ruramisai Charumbira*	COLA/HIST	Assistant Professor of History	PhD, Yale University
Tshepo Chery*	COLA/AADS	Assistant Professor of AADS	PhD, University of Pennsylvania
Toyin Falola*	COLA/HIS	Professor of History	PhD, University of Ife
Omi Jones*	COLA/AADS	Associate Professor of AADS	PhD, New York University
Xavier Livermon*	COLA/AADS	Assistant Professor of AADS	PhD, University of California, Berkeley
Fehintola Mosadomi*	COLA/AADS and MES	Assistant Professor of AADS and of MES	PhD, Tulane University

**11. Academic Course Requirements:**

Course Abbreviation and Number	Course Title	SCH
AFR 317C.1 / HIS 317L.7	The U.S. and Africa	3
AFR 317C.2/ WGS 301.15	Yoruba Women	3
AFR 317C.3	Peoples of Cultures of Africa	3
AFR 317C.4 / HIS 317N.3	Civilizations of Africa to 1800	3
AFR 317C	100 Years in Africa	3
AFR 317C	African Cultural Studies	3
AFR 322	Intro to African Prehistory	3
AFR 365	Politics in Contemporary Africa	3
AFR 372G.1 / E 360S.2	Literature of AIDS in Africa	3
AFR 372G.2 / HIS 350L.35	Nigeria: History of Nation-Building	3
AFR 372G.4	African Film	3
AFR 372G.5 / ISL 373.8 / MEL 321.16/ MES 342.28 WGS 340.34	Gender in North and West Africa	3
AFR 372G.6 / HIS 364G.5 / WGS 340.32	African Women's History	3
AFR 372G.20 / HIS 364G.9	Histories of African Liberation	3
AFR 372G.32 / HIS 364G.4	African History in Films and Photos	3
AFR 372G.34 / R S 360.1	Jesus, Africa, and History	3
AFR 372G / WGS 340	African Queer Studies	3
AFR 372G / E 360S	Generating African Literature	3
AFR 372G	Contemporary African Popular Culture	3
AFR 372G	Rainbow Nation: Race in South Africa	3
AFR 374C.3 / HIS 350R.29	Globalism/Internationalism/Transnationalism	3

AFR 374C.4 / HIS 350L.72 / WGS 340.39	History of Southern Africa	3
AFR 374C.6 / HIS 364G.6 / WGS 340.42	Apartheid: South African History	3
AFR 374C / ANT 324L / S W 360K / WGS 340	Ghana: Community and Social Development in Ghana (Study Abroad)	3
AFR 374C / ISL 372 / MES 320 / R S 353 / WGS	Queen of Sheba in History and Legend	3
AFR 374C	Mandela: The Man and His Politics	3
AFR 374F.10 / ARH 346M	Visual Cultures of Africa	3
AFR 374F.11 / ARH 346K	Introduction to African Art	3
AFR 374F.18 / HIS 350L.70 / WGS 340.40	Historical Imagining of Africa in Films	3
	Any course pre-approved by AADS associate chair	

**12. Other Certificate Requirements:**

- a. The requirements of an undergraduate major
- b. African and African Diaspora Studies 304: Introduction to African Studies, or an alternative course taken with approval from AADS
- c. African and African Diaspora Studies 310K: Introduction to Modern Africa, or an alternative course taken with approval from AADS
- d. Twelve additional semester hours (upper or lower division) chosen from courses on an approved list, or with prior approval from AADS
- e. One of the courses listed in requirement 4 must carry a Writing Flag from the School of Undergraduate Studies and/or place an emphasis on research and writing such as AFR 372G or an alternative course taken with approval from AADS
- f. Earn a grade of at least a C in each of the courses taken to fulfill the African Studies certificate requirements

**13. Give a Detailed Rationale for Change(s):**

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**14. College/School Approval Process:**

Approver: Richard Flores  
 Title: Senior Associate Dean, College of Liberal Arts  
 Date: May 25, 2015

**PROPOSED NEW CATALOG TEXT:**

## African Studies Certificate

The African Studies Certificate allows students to engage with scholarship on African peoples, cultures, and history through the theoretical lens of black studies. Through the certificate, undergraduates develop interdisciplinary expertise in African studies related to the student's personal field of interest. The African and African Diaspora Studies undergraduate adviser (AADS) is available to steer certificate candidates towards areas of interest, which can include: expressive cultures, gender and sexuality studies, literature, language, history, politics, and society as these topics relate to theories of blackness on the African continent. The certificate program requires eighteen semester hours of coursework, including at least nine semester hours completed in residence.

Students must fulfill the following requirements:

1. [~~African and African Diaspora Studies 303, Introduction to Black Studies~~] African and African Diaspora Studies 304, Introduction to the Study of Africa, or an alternative course taken with approval from AADS
2. African and African Diaspora Studies 310K, Introduction to Modern Africa, or an alternative course taken with approval from AADS
3. Twelve additional semester hours (upper- or lower-division) chosen from courses on an approved list or with prior approval from AADS
4. One of the courses listed in requirement 3 must carry a writing flag from the School of Undergraduate Studies and/or place an emphasis on research and writing, such as African and African Diaspora Studies 372G or an alternative course taken with approval from AADS
5. Earn a grade of at least *C* in each of the courses taken to fulfill the African Studies Certificate requirements

Each semester the list of approved courses that meet the requirements above is available in the Department of African and African Diaspora Studies undergraduate advising office.

Courses the student has completed at the time of application to the program may be counted toward the certificate. Students may not earn a certificate in the same field of study as their major and at least one course counting toward this certificate must be taken outside of the requirements of the student's major. Students apply for transcript-recognized undergraduate academic certificates at the time they complete their undergraduate degree or the certificate program, whichever comes later. Transcript recognition is awarded at that time.

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<sup>1</sup> See footnote 1b above: 18-24 hours are required.