

PAN AFRICAN STUDIES, CERTIFICATE

Certificate in Pan African Studies (300002C)

As an interdisciplinary field, Pan-African Studies helps students to gain a better understanding of the African-American experience while providing comparable experiences of others who were a part of the African Diaspora. This certificate allows students to examine Pan-African experiences from a social, historical, psychological and cultural context.

Requirements for Admission

The University of Akron's Pan African studies takes an interdisciplinary approach to understanding Afro-centric philosophy and world views. This approach encompasses analyzing African and African-American history from a social, psychological and cultural context. This approach provides students with a framework to compare and contrast the experiences of African and African American people past, present, and future and their contributions across academic disciplines and professions.

Students pursuing the Pan African Studies certificate should:

- Be fully admitted to the University of Akron as an undergraduate or post-baccalaureate student.
- Fill out the Pan African Studies Certificate Program Application (<https://www.uakron.edu/webforms/undergraduate-certificate-program-application/>)
- Turn in completed application to Dr. Sheldon Wrice, Program Director.
- Complete a total of 15 credit hours (9 credit hours of required courses and 6 credit hours of elective courses).

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The following information has official approval of **The Department of Pan African Studies** and **The Buchtel College of Arts & Sciences**, but is intended only as a guide. Completion of this certificate is contingent upon many factors, including but not limited to: class availability, total number of required credits, work schedule, finances, family, course drops/withdrawals, successfully passing courses, prerequisites, among others.

The following courses constitute a "Certificate in Pan-African Studies" and must be completed with a minimum grade point average of 2.0 overall for the certificate to be noted on the student's record. A student undertaking the Pan African Studies Certificate Program must have prior consultation with the director of Pan African Studies. Special Topics/Selected Studies courses on topics appropriate to Pan African Study's certificate may be applied with permission of Director.

Summary

Code	Title	Hours
	Core Requirements	9
	Electives	6
	Total Hours	15

Core Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
PAFS 201	Introduction to Pan-African Studies	3
PAFS 252	The Black Experience 1619-1918	3
PAFS 253	The Black Experience 1918-Present	3
	Total Hours	9

Electives

Code	Title	Hours
Select 6 credits from the following:		6
WMST 100	Social & Cultural Diversity in the United States	
WMST 110	Multicultural Sensitivity Training	
PAFS 256	Diversity in American Society	
PAFS 301	Civil Rights Movement in America: 1945-1974	
PAFS 401	Seminar in Afro-American Studies	
PAFS 405	African American Men's History and Studies	
PAFS 410	African American Religious Experience	
PAFS 420	Special Topics in Afro-American Studies	
PAFS 498	Independent Study: Pan-African	
ANTH 251	Human Diversity	
ECON 487	Urban Economics:Theory & Policy	
ENGL 113	African American Language and Culture I: College Composition	
ENGL 114	African American Language and Culture II: College Composition	
ENGL 350	Black American Literature	
ENGL 389	Special Topics: Literature & Language ¹	
ENGL 471	U.S. Dialects: Black & White	
GEOG 353	Latin America	
GEOG 363	Africa South of the Sahara	
GEOG 420	Urban Geography	
HIST 290	World Civilizations: Africa	
HIST 340	Selected Topics in History ²	
HIST 468	African-American Social & Intellectual History	
SOCIO 421	Race & Ethnic Relations	
SOWK 270	Diversity and Social Work	
SOWK 276	Introduction to Social Welfare	
SOWK 455	Social Work Practice with African American Families	
	Total Hours	6

¹ Must select from one of the following topics: Afro-American Novel or Afro-American Drama.

² Must select topic: African Expansion in Latin America.