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 the Dr. Sheldon Wrice, Program Director.
- Complete a total of 15 credit hours (6 credit hours of required courses and 9 credit hours of elective courses).
- Pan African Studies, Certificate (https://bulletin.uakron.edu/undergraduate/colleges-programs/arts-sciences/pan-african-studies/pan-african-studies-certificate/)

Pan African Studies (3002)

3002:201 Introduction to Pan-African Studies (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: 2020:121 or 3300:112. An interdisciplinary study from an Afrocentric perspective of African and African diaspora experiences. The course will focus on central issues related to the discipline.
Gen Ed: Tier 3 - Domestic Diversity

3002:252 The Black Experience 1619-1918 (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: 2020:121 or 3300:112. This course explores ideas, people and events which will allow the class to re-think their individual and collective beliefs regarding Africa, Africans, and African-Americans as well as Black people throughout the Diaspora. More specifically, the period of 1619 to 1918 examines the origins of African-Americans beginning with their unwilling departure from West Africa, slavery, abolition, the Civil War, emancipation, reconstruction, historical achievements and striving to achieve first class citizenship in America.
Gen Ed: Tier 2 - Social Science; Tier 3 - Domestic Diversity

3002:253 The Black Experience 1918-Present (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: 2020:121 or 3300:112. This course explores ideas, people and events which will allow students to re-think their individual and collective beliefs about Africa, Africans and African-Americans as well as Black people throughout the Diaspora. More specifically, the period of 1918 to Present examines the experiences of African-Americans following the Reconstruction. Topics include, but are not limited to, separate but equal doctrine, the civil rights movement, Black nationalism, segregation, desegregation and integration as strategies to ameliorate discrimination and achieve equal opportunity.
Gen Ed: Tier 2 - Social Science; Tier 3 - Domestic Diversity

3002:254 The Black Experience from 1619-1877 (2 Credits)
Prerequisite: 2020:121 or 3300:112. Examination of the black American including origins, historical achievements and striving to achieve first-class citizenship in America from 1619 to 1877.
Gen Ed: Tier 2 - Social Science; Tier 3 - Domestic Diversity

3002:256 Diversity in American Society (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: 2020:121 or 3300:112. Survey course covering demographic, social, economic, political, and educational realities of diversity in 21st Century. Focus on diversity and unity, historical overview.
Gen Ed: Tier 2 - Social Science; Tier 3 - Domestic Diversity

3002:257 The Black Experience 1877 - 1954 (2 Credits)
Prerequisite: 2020:121 or 3300:112. Examines the experiences of Blacks following Reconstruction. Topics to include: Separate but Equal doctrine, segregation, integration, and the achievements of Blacks in American society.
Gen Ed: Tier 2 - Social Science; Tier 3 - Domestic Diversity

3002:258 The Black Experience 1954 - Present (2 Credits)
Prerequisite: 2020:121 or 3300:112. Examines the relationship of the civil rights movement, Black nationalism, integration, segregation, and desegregation as strategies to ameliorate discrimination and achieve equal opportunity.
Gen Ed: Tier 2 - Social Science; Tier 3 - Domestic Diversity

3002:301 Civil Rights Movement in America: 1945-1974 (3 Credits)
Social and political actions, events and environment which produces civil rights movement in America. Legal, political and organizational strategies; philosophical arguments; prominent civil rights activists.

3002:401 Seminar in Afro-American Studies (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: 3400:361. Exploration and intensive examination of variety of issues related to role and minority group relations which normally stand outside the compass of any one subject matter area.

3002:405 African American Men's History and Studies (3 Credits)
This course will examine the experiences of the African American Men from a historical, socio-economic, philosophical, religious/spiritual, psychological standpoint.

3002:410 African American Religious Experience (3 Credits)
This course explores the diversity of African American religious beliefs, experiences, and expressions from the colonial era to the present.

3002:420 Special Topics in Afro-American Studies (1-3 Credits)
(May be repeated for a maximum of three semester credits). Prerequisite: Permission of instructor.

3002:498 Independent Study: Pan-African (1-3 Credits)
(May be repeated for a maximum of three semester credits). Prerequisites: [3002:201 and 3400:260] or 3400:361 and permission of director. Directed study in a special field of interest chosen by student in consultation with instructor.