**The Graduate Certificate Program**

**The Institute for African American Studies**

Below are some frequently asked questions about the certificate program:

**Who can apply for the certificate?**

The program is designed for currently enrolled graduate students in good standing who are matriculated in Masters, Doctoral, Professional, and Specialist degree programs, as well as non-degree seeking enrolled graduate students

**How is admission decided?**

Admission to the program would be granted through application to the Institute for African American Studies with the expressed permission of the student’s major advisor or graduate program coordinator

**What will the certificate do for me?**

The certificate is geared towards those seeking demonstrable knowledge in the area of African American Social and Behavioral Sciences, History, and Culture and Literatures, and the Arts.

* The certificate will enhance the skills of those working in education, the community, and public policy through courses in Behavioral and Social Inquiry as well as courses designed to increase diversity awareness.
* The certificate will enhance the skills of those working in the community, through an emphasis on public service, volunteering, tutoring, and program coordination
* The certificate will enhance the applications of MA students seeking admission into PhD programs through its emphasis on comprehensive graduate level education in American Studies and its research traditions

**What courses will I take?**

The graduate certificate program would require the following two courses:

* AFAM 7500 (Graduate Introduction to African American Studies)

This course surveys history of and current discourse on African American Studies as a discipline encompassing the study of the African diaspora in the Americas, while examining fundamental concepts, research methodologies, and tools of analysis that inform the field.

* AFAM 7770 (Teaching Practicum in African American Studies)

This course is a practicum in the teaching of African American Studies. It blends instructional techniques particular to African American Studies with pedagogical training useful for a beginning TA in any field. The practicum section of the course would take place in one or more sections of the AFAM 2000 course that is offered every semester.

In addition graduate certificate students would be required to take nine credit hours of graduate level AFAM, AFAM cross-listed, or pre-approved courses complementary to the student’s major field program of study.

**What cross listed courses might I be able to take?**

Examples of crosslisted courses are,

AFAM/ENGL 8730 Seminar in African American Literature

AFAM/HIST 8005 Colloquium in African American History

AFAM/WMST 6060 Black Feminism

AFAM/SOCI 6370 Sociology of Race and Ethnicity

HIST/EFND 6010 The Hip-Hop Mind: History, Ideology and Pedagogy

AFAM/PSYC 6500 Psychology of Prejudice

AFAM/RELI 6200 African Religion in the Diaspora

AFAM/RELI 6201 African American Religious History

AFAM/ROML African Hispanic Identity

Application forms should be emailed to Kendra Freeman, IAAS. Questions may be directed to Dr. Valerie Babb), Director, IAAS (vbabb@uga.edu) or Dr. Freda Scott Giles, Associate Director, IAAS (fsgiles@uga.edu).