

# AFRICAN AND AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES (AFAM)

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## 200 Level Courses

**AFAM 200:** *Introduction to African American Studies*. 3 credits.  
Interdisciplinary introduction to the field of African American studies. Includes comparative analysis of approaches, methodologies, and key concepts related to the study of people of African descent in the United States, continental Africa, and throughout the African diaspora. Lectures and discussion integrate attention to such issues as diversity and multiculturalism from national and global perspectives. Offered by African & Af-American Studies (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/african-american-studies/>). Limited to three attempts.

**Mason Core:** Mason Core, Social/Behavioral Sciences (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>)

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

## 300 Level Courses

**AFAM 390:** *Special Topics in African and African American Studies*. 3 credits.

Study of selected topics related to the study of people of African descent in Africa, the United States, the Caribbean, Latin Americas and throughout the African Diaspora. Notes: May be repeated when topic is different. Offered by African & Af-American Studies (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/african-american-studies/>). May be repeated within the term for a maximum 18 credits.

**Specialized Designation:** Topic Varies

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

## 400 Level Courses

**AFAM 490:** *Internship*. 1-6 credits.

Approved work-study program in cooperation with specific organizations including area museums; NGOs; and local, state, and federal agencies. Students should arrange for an internship in the semester before they wish to enroll. Permission required from program director. Offered by African & Af-American Studies (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/african-american-studies/>). Limited to three attempts.

**Schedule Type:** Internship

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

**AFAM 499:** *Independent Study*. 1-3 credits.

Investigation of an area related to African American studies according to individual interest, with emphasis on research. Permission required from program director. Offered by African & Af-American Studies (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/african-american-studies/>). May be repeated within the term for a maximum 9 credits.

**Specialized Designation:** Topic Varies

**Schedule Type:** Independent Study

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)