REQUIREMENTS

The certificate program requires **18** semester hours of coursework, including at least **9** semester hours completed in residence.

1. **Meet** the requirements of an undergraduate major
2. **Start with AFR 304:** Intro to the Study of Africa, or an approved alternative
3. **Add AFR 310K:** Introduction to Modern Africa, or an approved alternative
4. **Build twelve more hours** from the approved course list — upper/lower division
5. **Sharpen your research and writing**: one course must emphasize research and writing, such as AFR 340V: Sociology of Africa, or an approved alternative
6. **Earn a grade of at least a C** in each course you count toward the certificate

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REQUIRED COURSES

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The African Studies certificate allows students to engage with scholarship on African peoples, cultures, and history through the theoretical lens of Black Studies.

Students will learn to think critically and transnationally in their approach to the study of Africa. The certificate is university recognized and appears on your official transcript.

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

Through the certificate, undergraduates develop interdisciplinary expertise in African Studies related to the student's personal field of interest. Academic advisors are available to steer certificate candidates towards areas of interest that relate to theories of Blackness on the African continent:

- **Expressive Cultures**
- **Migration and Social Sciences**
- **Literature**
- **Language**
- **History**
- **Politics and Society**

COURSES

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

Courses the student has already completed at the time of application to the program may be counted toward the certificate.

A student may not earn a certificate in the same field of study as her or his major, and at least one course counting toward this certificate must be taken outside of the requirements of the student's undergraduate degree.

APPROVED COURSES

AFR 310 African Language/Culture/Society
AFR 310L Introduction to Traditional Africa
AFR 335C Africana Women's Art
AFR 340 Contemporary African Pop Culture
AFR 340K Medicine in African History
AFR 340M Geographies of International Development in Africa
AFR 340N African Queer Studies
AFR 340R Archaeology of African Thought
AFR 340V Sociology of Africa
AFR 340W Coloniality in West Africa
AFR 345C History of West Africa
YOR 601C Beginning Yoruba
YOR 611C Intermediate Yoruba

INTEREST FORM

This form indicates interest in the African Studies certificate and ensures that a student is included in the certificate student roster. Students must officially apply for the transcript-recognized undergraduate academic certificate once they complete their undergraduate degree or the certificate program, whichever comes later.

To be added to the roster, please return this form to the Advising Office in GWB.

First Name

Last Name

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Email Address

Date

Expected Graduation Semester/Year

Major

Minor (if applicable)