

# AFRICAN STUDIES AND THE AFRICAN DIASPORA

African Studies and the African Diaspora taps a wide range of academic pursuits, intellectual methods and cultural traditions to give our majors and minors a broad perspective of African experiences—both historic, contemporary, local and global. Our students are informed and knowledgeable in dialogues concerning the socio-political, literary, cultural, psychological, and spiritual dimensions of how the African experience has influenced every aspect of the world we live in. This ranges from the history, politics and culture (among other aspects) of African countries, to the influence and lives of people in the African diaspora around the world, including black life in the United States. Numerous opportunities exist for our students to study abroad in Africa, Latin America, or the Caribbean, further enabling them to expand their international and multicultural awareness of issues relative to globalization and social justice. Internships or service-learning programs that foster experiential learning are also available. The Black World Studies program was inaugurated in 1971 as Loyola's first interdisciplinary program. It uniquely advanced the university's transformative educational mission for over four decades. As agents of social change, our students strive to apply their knowledge of the global black experience in ways that help make our world a home for all. In keeping with changes in the various disciplines that study the African and diaspora experience, in 2013 the program evolved into the new African Studies and the African Diaspora program.

## Undergraduate Programs

- African Studies and the African Diaspora (BA) (<https://catalog.luc.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/african-studies-african-diaspora/african-studies-african-diaspora-ba/>)
- African Studies and the African Diaspora Minor (<https://catalog.luc.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/african-studies-african-diaspora/african-studies-african-diaspora-minor/>)

## Undergraduate Policies and Procedures

Please see Undergraduate Policies and Procedures (<https://catalog.luc.edu/academic-standards-regulations/undergraduate/>) for academic policies that supersede those of academic units within the University.

## African Studies and the African Diaspora (AFR)

### AFR 102 Introduction to Black World Studies (3 Credit Hours)

Introduction to Black World Studies examines several cultures within the Black world, across various countries and regions around the globe. Students will be familiarized with the impact of tradition, religion, oppression, popular culture, art, memory and specific aspects of trans-generational practices on these cultures as well as the influences of colonialism upon African peoples and the latter upon the former.

*Interdisciplinary Option:* African Studies and the African Diaspora

### AFR 295 Directed Readings in Black World Studies (3 Credit Hours)

This course allows students to engage in a directed self-study of a topic in the realm of African Studies and the African Diaspora that is not covered in other courses offered in the program. Students will work with the AFR Director or another advisor to develop their own class readings and research assignment. Director approval is required for this course.

### AFR 397 Capstone/Internship (3 Credit Hours)

This capstone course may be completed in a variety of ways. This includes an internship at a business or organization that is related to the program, or a study abroad semester related to the program. Internships require a minimum of 10 hours/week verified service hours over the 15 week semester, amounting to 3 credit hours. Students may also make a 300 level AFR course into a "Capstone" by adding an additional, in-depth research assignment approved by the course instructor and the program director. Director approval is required for this course.

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This course satisfies the Engaged Learning requirement.