

Graduate Certificate in African Diaspora Studies

A Graduate Certificate in African Diaspora Studies in the W.E.B. Du Bois Department of Afro-American Studies at the University of Massachusetts Amherst would introduce students to the current scholarship on the African Diaspora as well as a basic grounding in the historical, political, literary, and cultural responses of African peoples to their diasporic conditions. A successful recipient of a Graduate Certificate in African Diaspora Studies from UMass Amherst would be expected to have acquired the following knowledge:

- Grounding in the complex political and historical development of Pan-Africanism and the African Diaspora in the Americas;
- Conceptual strategies and critical apparatus for engaging with a variety of discourses on the African Diaspora;
- Working knowledge of the issues, themes, and concepts informing the current scholarship in African Diaspora Studies, especially a critical engagement with issues such as refugee status, exile, migration, immigration, trans-nationalism, and expatriation among others;
- Deep critical knowledge in the development of an the scholarship in at least one aspect of African Diaspora Studies

Applying for the Certificate in African Diaspora Studies: The Certificate welcomes applications from persons who meet the following criteria:

- Have gained admission into a graduate degree-granting department at UMassAmherst
- Have earned a bachelor's or graduate degree from an accredited university and have made application for and gained admission to UMass as a non-degree student through the Graduate Admissions Office.

Requirements: Five graduate courses distributed as follows:

1. AfroAm 692: African Diaspora Studies: Introduction to Concepts and Historiography
2. Four electives selected among the current offerings by the UMass Amherst and Five Colleges African Diaspora Faculty or alternate courses with the approval of one of the certificate co-directors.

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GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN AFRICAN DIASPORA STUDIES

Student Record

Name: _____ Institution: _____

Major: _____ Certificate Advisor: _____

Permanent Address: _____

<u>Requirements</u>	<u>Semester</u>	<u>Grade</u>
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A. AfroAm 692: African Diaspora Studies	_____	_____
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Course #2:	_____	_____
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Course #3:	_____	_____
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Course #4:	_____	_____
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Notes: Student must receive a grade of B or better in every course that qualifies for the minimum certificate requirement. Attach and unofficial transcript when submitting the completed form.

Additional Comments:

The above named student has completed all requirements outlined above (if course is exempt please explain). I hereby recommend that he/she be awarded the Certificate in African Diaspora Studies.

Advisor's signature: _____ Date: _____

