

School of Culture, Community and Human Development

Overview

The School of Culture, Community, and Human Development houses programs that anchor PVAMU's mission in cultural awareness, social equity, and human wellbeing. Faculty in the School work at the crossroads of behavioral science, community organizing, and public history - producing scholarship and curricula that explore the lived experiences of marginalized communities and inform social policy. Students will be trained to become leaders in education, mental health, nonprofit management, and social entrepreneurship.

Organizational Structure

Program	Degree Offered
African American Studies	BA
Clinical Adolescent Psychology	MS, PHD
Community Development Planning	MCDP
History	BA
Psychology	BS
Sociology	BA, MA

Requirements for a Minor in African-American Studies (18 SCH)

The African-American Studies minor is an interdisciplinary course of study that provides students the opportunity to gain knowledge and understanding of the African-American influence on the social, political, cultural, and intellectual development of this country. Courses may not be used to satisfy multiple academic requirements such as core curriculum requirements, or other major and minor requirements. Students should consult the African-American Studies Program Coordinator in selecting appropriate elective courses.

Required Courses

AFAM 1301	Race Class and Gender in America	3
HIST 2381	African-American History	3
AFAM 4301	Seminar in African American Studies	3

Select three (3) classes from the list below: 9

AFAM 2302	Introduction to Research Methods and Writing in African American Studies
AFAM 4302	Internship in Public History
AFAM 4331	Special Topics in African American Studies
ARTS 2328	African American Art
CRIJ 3393	Minorities and the Criminal Justice System
DRAM 2322	African American Theatre II
ENGL 3305	Survey of African-American Literature
ENGL 3306	Studies in African-American Literature
HIST 3350	American Chattel Slavery
HIST 3375	African Diaspora
HIST 4381	African-American Hist to 1876
HIST 4382	African-Amer Hist Since 1876
HDFM 2355	Human Development: Life Span
MUSC 2333	Afro-American Music
POSC 2321	Blacks and the American Political System
POSC 3341	Gandhi and King
POSC 3355	African Politics
POSC 4324	Race, Gender and Public Policy
SOCG 2319	Sociology of Minorities
SOCG 2302	Black Families

Total Hours

18

Requirements for a Minor in History (18 SCH)

Required Courses

HIST 2321	World Civilizations I	3
HIST 2322	World Civilizations II	3
HIST 2300	Intro to Historical Methods	3
Three (3) History courses, 2000 level or higher		9
Total Hours		18

Requirements for a Minor in Digital Storytelling (18 SCH)

Required Courses

HIST 2300	Intro to Historical Methods ¹	3
or HIST 3301	Introduction to Public History	
HIST 3330	Introduction to Digital Storytelling	3
GEOG 2311	Introduction to Geographic Information System	3
HIST 3331	Podcasting Oral Histories	3
Select one (1) course from the list below to satisfy History elective requirement:		3
HIST 2301	Texas History	
HIST 2320	Military History	
HIST 2381	African-American History	
HIST 2383	History of HBCUs	
HIST 3301	Introduction to Public History	
HIST 3322	Women in History	
HIST 3332	Contemporary United States	
HIST 3353	Civil Rights Movement	
HIST 3361	Colonial Latin Amer & Carrib	
Select one (1) course from the list below to satisfy non-History elective requirement:		3
ENGL 2307	Introduction to Creative Writing	
ENGL 2314	Advanced Composition	
COMM 1336	Video Production I	
COMM 2303	Digital Audio Production I	
COMM 3304	Multimedia Audio Production and Design	
COMM 3321	Media Management	
DGMA 2317	Fundamentals of Digital Imaging	
DGMA 2318	Fundamentals of Interactive Media	
GNST 2301	Coding and App Development (Basics)	
GNST 3302	iOS App Development	
Total Hours		18

¹ History majors are required to take HIST 3301.

Organizations and Honor Societies

Phi Alpha Theta International Honor Society

Membership in Phi Alpha Theta International Honor Society is open to undergraduate students who have completed 12 semester hours of history with a grade point average of 3.10 or above in history courses and 3.00 in two-thirds of the remainder of the coursework, excluding history.

African American Studies Courses

AFAM 1301 Introduction to African American Studies: 3 semester hours.

This survey-based course examines the theoretical and historical impact of race, gender, and class in American society.

AFAM 2302 Introduction to Research Methods and Writing in African American Studies: 3 semester hours.

This course serves as an introduction to research methods and techniques of research writing. The course will focus on issues such as identifying research topics, evaluating academic sources and the documentation of sources.

AFAM 3301 Race, Gender, and the Body as Spectacle: 3 semester hours.

Foregrounding the impact of gender, race, (dis)ability, and other social markers on the body; this course contends with historical and contemporary body politics, and discourses on the body in media, popular culture, and medical science.

Prerequisites: (AFAM 1301).

AFAM 3302 Black Women and Reproductive Justice: 3 semester hours.

This upper-level undergraduate course delves into the critical framework of reproductive justice with a particular focus on the experiences and activism of Black women. Grounded in the principles of African American Studies, this course explores the intersections of race, gender, and reproductive rights, highlighting the unique challenges and contributions of Black women in the struggle for reproductive freedom.

AFAM 3303 Race, Place, and Inequality: 3 semester hours.

This course examines the intersections of race, spatial dynamics, and inequality within the context of African American experiences.

Prerequisites: (AFAM 1301).

AFAM 4301 Seminar in African American Studies: 3 semester hours.

The course allows students explore some of the themes and issues in previous coursework in greater depth. Students also rely on conceptual and operational methods to research and write about the experiences of African Americans.

Prerequisites: AFAM 2302 and HIST 3301.

AFAM 4302 Internship in Public History: 3 semester hours.

This course offers students an opportunity to undertake a supervised internship with an organization or institutions dedicated to public presentation of the past. Internships can take places at historic sites, government agencies, nonprofit organizations, advocacy groups, house museums, research libraries, and archives that engage in heritage interpretation, preservation and research.

Prerequisites: AFAM 2302 and HIST 3301.

AFAM 4331 Special Topics in African American Studies: 3 semester hours.

This course will focus on specific topics, trends, new directions, and issues in African American Studies that the professor deems appropriate and/or meets students' interests. Special topics courses will broadly engage major themes such as: race, class, gender, justice, art and cultural production, and power. This course may be repeated for credit when topics vary.

AFAM 4332 Black Masculinities: 3 semester hours.

This interdisciplinary course will explore the evolution of Black masculinity in the United States from conception to present.

AFAM 4333 Interpersonal Communication in Black Relationships: 3 semester hours.

This upper-level undergraduate seminar course exploring interpersonal communication within Black communities, focusing on how historical perspectives, cultural influences, and contemporary issues shape relational dynamics. Students will analyze and apply theories and concepts specific to interpersonal communication, critically examining models for their effectiveness in representing the complexities unique to the Black community.

Prerequisites: (COMM 1318).

AFAM 4334 Advanced Topics in Public History: 3 semester hours.

This course explores advanced topics in public history and the professional practice within the field. This course provides students with an opportunity to gain expertise and experience in the applied practice of public history from museum, archival, and private foundation specialists.

Prerequisites: (HIST 3301).

History Courses

HIST 1301 United States History I: 3 semester hours.

This course covers American development from the era of discovery to the close of the Civil War. This course includes modules on the following topics: the colonial era; the young republic; westward expansion; and sectionalism; Civil War, and Reconstruction.

HIST 1302 United States History II: 3 semester hours.

Surveys modern American development: the industrial nation and its problems; expansionist and muckraker; the First Crusade, Normalcy and Reaction, Depression, and the New Deal; and the Second World War and after. Lectures, special readings, discussion, supervised study, and tests.

HIST 2300 Intro to Historical Methods: 3 semester hours.

This course is designed to introduce students to the historical profession, with emphasis on research methods, historical analysis and writing, and career paths for historians.

HIST 2301 Texas History: 3 semester hours.

Survey of Texas starting from Spanish colonization to the present. Emphasis will be placed on contributions made to the state of Texas by various ethnic groups.

HIST 2320 Military History: 3 semester hours.

Military History - Past Wars, conflicts and study of war heroes.

HIST 2321 World Civilizations I: 3 semester hours.

Survey of the ancient world from the dawn of civilization in Egypt, Mesopotamia, China, India and Mesoamerica through the Middle Ages in Europe. Attention is given to political, social and economic institutions as well as art, literature and religion.

HIST 2322 World Civilizations II: 3 semester hours.

Survey of key developments in Western and non-Western civilizations from the Renaissance in Europe to the present. Special emphasis is placed on religious expansion and conflict, militarism, intellectual and political revolutions, formation of modern national-states, and colonialism and post colonialism.

HIST 2381 African-American History: 3 semester hours.

Introduction to the history of persons of African descent on the North American continent from the settlement of Jamestown to present. Integral to students' exposure to African-American History will be their exposure to basic research methods and writing techniques. Students should be prepared to examine major issues and historical events including, but not limited to: the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade, the black presence in Colonial America, the development of chattel slavery, Abolitionism, Emancipation, Jim Crow, the Nadir, the Great Migration, the Harlem Renaissance, the Civil Rights Movement, and Black Power Era.

HIST 2383 History of HBCUs: 3 semester hours.

This course is an in-depth history of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), to include present and future roles, student activism, civil rights, the Black Power Movement, Black Studies, and intellectual and cultural traditions.

HIST 3301 Introduction to Public History: 3 semester hours.

An introduction to the role of historical memory in shaping our understanding of the past through examining the history of museums, archives, and historical research centers. Students will be introduced to the practices, theories and various sectors of public history, and will utilize an interdisciplinary approach in documenting, preserving and curating history.

HIST 3315 Ancient Egypt & the Near East: 3 semester hours.

An advanced survey of the civilizations of ancient Egypt and the Near East(Middle East). Students will read primary sources in translation and analyze the developments and interactions of ancient Assyrian, Babylonian, Egyptian, Hebrew, Hittite, Persian, and Sumerian civilizations.

HIST 3316 Ancient Greece: 3 semester hours.

An advanced survey of ancient Greece, tracing the developments of the cultural, political, intellectual, and artistic achievements of Greek civilization from the Bronze Age through the conquest of Macedonia. Students will read primary sources in translation and analyze important Greek personalities and events, as well as methods and problems of historical interpretation.

HIST 3317 Ancient Rome: 3 semester hours.

An advanced survey of ancient Rome, tracing the developments of the cultural, political, intellectual, and artistic achievements of Roman civilization from the foundation of the City, through Kingdom, Republic, and Empire, to the fifth century A.D. Students will read primary sources in translation and analyze important Roman personalities and events as well as methods and problems of of historical interpretation.

HIST 3318 Medieval Europe: 3 semester hours.

An advanced survey of political, social, economic, and cultural developments of European civilizations from the end of the Roman Empire to the dawn of the fifteenth-century Renaissance. Students will read primary courses in translation and analyze medieval personalities and events, as well as methods and problems of historical interpretation.

HIST 3322 Women in History: 3 semester hours.

A survey of selected issues related to the historical status of women in Africa, Asia, Europe, and the Americas, with emphasis on African-American women in the United States since slavery.

HIST 3330 Introduction to Digital Storytelling: 3 semester hours.

An introduction to the fundamental aspects of narrative in digital environments as well as digital humanities. Students will learn to identify common elements of digital stories and analyze how scholars use digital tools and platforms to develop narratives. Students will also receive hands-on introduction to a range of digital storytelling tools.

Prerequisites: HIST 1301 or HIST 1313 or HIST 1302 or HIST 1323.

HIST 3331 Podcasting Oral Histories: 3 semester hours.

An exploration of the intersection between digital storytelling and oral tradition. Students will curate and contextualize historical narratives using digital audio. Through practical skills development and discussions, they will learn the responsible practice of conducting interviews and producing podcasts. By giving students the tools and knowledge to breathe life into oral histories, this course empowers them to share the diverse voices and stories that shape our collective past with a global audience.

Prerequisites: HIST 1301 or HIST 1302 or HIST 1323 or HIST 1313.

HIST 3332 Contemporary United States: 3 semester hours.

Analysis of the emergence of the United States as a modern nation and examination of the changing United States' social, political, economic, cultural and diplomatic scene with emphasis on the progressive trends, 1900 - Present.

HIST 3350 American Chattel Slavery: 3 semester hours.

This course examines the development of slavery in the making of American society, and particularly the American South, from the early colonial period through Reconstruction. Attention will be given to the following topics: the Atlantic origins of slavery; the emergence of colonial plantation societies; the development of a distinct slave society within the plantation; and the causes and consequences of secession (Civil War and Reconstruction). Finally, we will consider Southern life in the aftermath of emancipation and the establishment of Jim Crow racial segregation in the revival of antebellum racial ideologies.

HIST 3351 Global Black Power: 3 semester hours.

This course examines the history of the Black Power Movement in the 20th century, with special emphasis on the international and transnational exchanges of ideas and strategies to overthrow white supremacy. Students will explore not just the Movement within the United States, but also within African liberation movements, Caribbean revolts, anti-caste agitation in India, and indigenous protests in New Zealand and Australia. Prerequisites: (HIST 1301 or HIST 1313 and (HIST 1302 or HIST 1323)) or HIST 2301 or HIST 1333 and (HIST 2300 or HIST 2003).

HIST 3353 Civil Rights Movement: 3 semester hours.

This course focuses on America's Second Reconstruction, The Civil Rights Movement that ran throughout the entirety of the twentieth century. Students will engage materials that highlight the impact that the Civil Rights Movement had on the citizenship status of African-Americans. Major historical events and individuals covered include, but are not limited to: The Great Migration, the founding of the NAACP, Charles Hamilton Houston, ASA Philip Randolph, the March on Washington Movement, the Civil Rights Movement, Charles Hamilton Houston, Thurgood Marshall, Bayard Rustin, Martin Luther King, Jr., Linda Brown, Malcolm X, the Murder of Emmett Louis Till, Jackie Robinson, The Black Panther Party for Self-Defense, The Rise of Black Power, Affirmative Action, the rise of the Prison Industrial Complex, and the election of Barack Hussein Obama.

HIST 3360 Atlantic World: 3 semester hours.

This course analyzes the exploration/colonization of the Atlantic Basin, the genesis of slave societies in the Western Hemisphere, and the social, political, and economic legacies of colonial regimes in the Americas and along the western coast of Africa from 1400 to 1900. This course utilizes power, gender, race, and class as categories of analysis to bring light to understanding this region.

HIST 3361 Colonial Latin Amer & Carrib: 3 semester hours.

An advanced survey of Latin American and Caribbean histories and cultures. Special emphasis on colonization, slavery, and emancipation and independence movements particularly in connection to contemporary social, economic, and political issues impacting the region. Utilizing an interdisciplinary approach, the art, music, geography and literature of the regions will also be explored.

HIST 3370 Pre-Colonial Africa: 3 semester hours.

Study of African history before the arrival of the Europeans that examines the growth and evolution of political, social, and economic institutions of various African countries. Special attention will be given to the western portion of Africa (Ghana, Mali, and Songhay) and areas south of the Sahara.

HIST 3371 Post-Colonial African History: 3 semester hours.

Survey of African History since the end of the Second World War (1945); events and issues leading up to independence; efforts at nation-building; problems of political instability and economic development.

HIST 3375 African Diaspora: 3 semester hours.

Introduction to the people of African descent. Students will explore origins on the continent of Africa, the places blacks were dispersed to as a result of the slave trade, emancipation movements across the globe, and the movements for black equality around the world. The course also examines the musical, artistic, literary, and cultural contributions of people of African descent.

HIST 3399 Independent Study: 1-3 semester hour.

Readings, research, and/or field work on selected topics.

HIST 4195 TExES Prep-Hist/Soc Studies: 1 semester hour.

This course is designed to help students prepare to take the Texas Examination of Educator Standards (TExES) in History/Social Studies. This course is typically taken the semester before Student Teaching, or during the senior year for those who are doing alternative certification.

HIST 4305 Early Christianity: 3 semester hours.

An exploration of early Christianity from its emergence within Second-Temple Judaism to its spread and influence within the Roman world to the fourth century AD. Students will read primary sources in translation and analyze the development of the Church as an institution and community, issues of Christian doctrine and discipline, as well as methods and problems of historical interpretation.

HIST 4334 Advanced Topics in Public History: 3 semester hours.

This course explores advanced topics in public history and the professional practice within the field. This course provides students with an opportunity to gain expertise and experience in the applied practice of public history from museum, archival, and private foundation specialists. Prerequisites: HIST 3301 or HIST 3013.

HIST 4344 Special Topics: 3 semester hours.

This course will focus on specific historical topics that the professor deems appropriate and student's desire. May be repeated for credit when topics vary.

HIST 4381 Readings in African-American Hist to 1876: 3 semester hours.

Intensive readings in a broad range of texts that form the foundation of the African-American historical experience. Students will deal with readings that cover an expansive time frame ranging from the colonization of Africa through the ending of the American Reconstruction. This course will provide students an opportunity to read seminal texts by scholars who have written about the African-American experience. Major issues and historical figures covered: the colonization of Africa, the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade, American chattel slavery, Black Abolitionism, Frederick Douglass, Nat Turner, Linda Brent, Harriet Tubman, Sojourner Truth, the Underground Railroad, Emancipation, and the Reconstruction era.

HIST 4382 Readings in African-American History Since 1876: 3 semester hours.

Intensive readings in a broad range of texts that form the foundation of the African-American historical experience during the modern period. Students will deal with readings covering a period that extends from the Nadir through contemporary America. This course will provide students an opportunity to read seminal texts by scholars who have written about the post-slavery African-American experience. Major issues and historical figures covered include, but are not limited to: the Nadir, Booker T. Washington, W.E.B. DuBois, The Great Migration, The Harlem Renaissance, the March on Washington Movement, the Civil Rights Movement, the Murder of Emmett Louis Till, Malcolm X, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the Black Panther Party for Self-Defense, the decline of Urban America, the rise of the Prison Industrial Complex, and the election of Barack Hussein Obama.

HIST 4383 Malcolm X and the Nation of Islam: 3 semester hours.

An advanced survey of the historical events of the life, assignment, and impact of Malcolm X (Omwale) both within The Nation (NOI) and in the nation (USA). This will include his upbringing, family, the rise of Garveyism and the UNIA, the influence of Elijah Muhammad and the growth of the NOI (Nation of Islam), Civil Rights and Black Power Movements.

HIST 4390 Senior Seminar: 3 semester hours.

Advanced training in historical methods and historiography designed to measure student's understanding and mastery of the discipline.

HIST 4394 History and Social Studies Methods: 3 semester hours.

This course focuses on 1) the mastery of historical facts related to US, world, and Texas histories, 2) understanding the various teaching methods used in the social studies classroom, and 3) the development of lesson plans for the EC – 6, and 4-8 Social Studies classrooms. The student will also be introduced to the social studies standards of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for licensure in Texas public schools.

Prerequisites: (HIST 1301 or HIST 1313 and (HIST 1302 or HIST 1323)) or HIST 2301 or HIST 1333 or POSC 2305 or POSC 1113 or POSC 2306 or POSC 1123.

HIST 4399 Independent Study: 3 semester hours.

Readings, research, and/or field work on selected topics.