

AFRICANA & PUERTO RICAN/LATINO STUDIES

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Majors Offered	Options in Major	Number Credits	Recommended Required GER	Prereq	Recommended Minor
BA in Africana and Puerto Rican/Latino Studies	Africana sequence	30	Consult your adviser	none	A minor is chosen in consultation with the undergraduate adviser. The minor may be selected from any other department. or split equally between two separate departments.
	Puerto Rican/Latino sequence				
	Combinations of above				

The Department of Africana and Puerto Rican/Latino Studies is comprised of Africana and Puerto Rican/Latino sequences. It offers an interdisciplinary course of study combining humanities and social sciences approaches in the School of Arts and Sciences. The curriculum is devoted to the history and cultures of these two heritages. The Africana sequence focuses on the experiences of African people on the continent and those in the diaspora. The Puerto Rican/Latino sequence addresses issues related to Puerto Ricans, Dominicans and Cubans in the Islands as well as Latinos' experiences in the U.S. Where applicable, the similarities and common experiences of the sequences are emphasized.

Because of the department's emphasis on intellectual, analytical and research development, the student with a background in Africana and Puerto Rican/Latino Studies is well prepared to enter the job market or to pursue graduate or professional study. Education, law, journalism, social work, urban planning, public health, medicine, nursing, business, politics, international affairs and government are some of the fields in which students can utilize a background in Africana and Puerto Rican/Latino Studies. Generally, occupations in the public sector, central cities and urban institutions, as well as jobs involving intergroup and intercultural relations, also benefit from such a background.

Program of Study

Given the interdisciplinary organization of the department, students may elect to concentrate their program of study in the Africana sequence, Puerto Rican/Latino sequence or a combination of both with courses from social sciences and humanities offered by the department.

MAJOR

The major consists of 30 credits. Courses to be taken are as follows:

6 credits from among AFPRL 201, 202, 203, 204, 209, 210, 241, 242

3 credits from AFPRL 281

21 credits, of which at least 12 must be taken at the 300 and 400 level. At least 3 credits must be taken in Puerto Rican/Latino studies if the student's concentration is in Africana studies and vice versa.

Minor

Students who major in the department are also required to have a minor of 12 credits. A minor is chosen in consultation with the undergraduate adviser. The minor may be selected from any other department or program leading to a BA degree or split equally between two separate departments.

Minor for Non-Majors

For minors from other departments, we recommend at least 6 credits at level of 300 or above.

COURSE LISTINGS

AFPRL 100 Introduction to Black Politics

GER 2/B PD/B

General survey of politics of African world with major emphasis on politics in Black America.
3 hrs, 3 cr.

AFPRL 102 Latino Communities in the United States

GER 2/B PD/B

Migration, ethnicity, community life and public policy issues of Latino groups compared to the Puerto Rican experience.
3 hrs, 3 cr.

AFPRL 103 Conquest and Resistance: Puerto Rican Experiences in Comparative Perspective

GER 2/B PD/B

Introductory study of the Puerto Rican experience compared with experiences of Native and African Americans, Chicanos and Pacific Island peoples in the territorial expansion of the United States.
3 hrs, 3 cr.

pending Hunter College Senate approval

AFPRL 141 Puerto Rican Folklore

GER 2/C PD/A or B

Study of Puerto Rican folklore: traditional beliefs, legends, religious rites and typical music.
3 hrs, 3 cr.

AFPRL 143 The Image of the Puerto Rican National Identity in Its Literature

PD/A

Analysis of literary works of Puerto Rican authors and their images of Puerto Rican society.

prereqs: ENGL 120 and reading knowledge of Spanish
3 hrs, 3 cr.
offered fall only

AFPRL 181 Language and Ethnic Identity

GER 2/C

Role of language in perception of self and world.
3 hrs, 3 cr.

AFPRL 182 Culture and Ethnic Identity

GER 2/C

Social structure and world view as aspects of culture.
3 hrs, 3 cr.

AFPRL 201 African History from Human Origins to 1600 CE

GER 2/B PD/A

African history from ancient times with emphasis on endogenous African development of civilizations and complex economic, technological and cultural systems over time.
3 hrs, 3 cr.

AFPRL 202 African History Since 1600 CE

GER 2/B PD/A

Main currents of African history from 1600 CE to present.
3 hrs, 3 cr.

AFPRL 203 African American History I

GER 2/B PD/B

Survey of historical experiences of African people in U.S. from 16th century to end of Civil War.
3 hrs, 3 cr.

AFPRL 204 African American History II
GER 2/B PD/B

Survey of historical experiences of African people in U.S. from Reconstruction era to present.

3 hrs, 3 cr.

AFPRL 205 African American Politics of Social Change
PD/B

The Civil Rights Movement and social change in U.S. since 1954.

3 hrs, 3 cr.

AFPRL 206 African Political and Social Change
PD/A

Introductory study of political and social change in Africa during the second half of the 20th century.

3 hrs, 3 cr.

AFPRL 207 African Caribbean Politics I
PD/A

Examines political economy of slavery and colonialism and responses of Caribbean people from 1492 to political independence.

3 hrs, 3 cr.

AFPRL 208 African Caribbean Politics II
PD/A

Begins with attainment of political independence by major Caribbean countries; focuses on nation-building.

prereq: AFPRL 207

3 hrs, 3 cr.

AFPRL 209 Introduction to Caribbean History to 1900
GER 2/B PD/A

Introduction to the major themes in Caribbean history to 1900.

prereq: ENGL 120

3 hrs, 3 cr.

AFPRL 210 Introduction to Caribbean History: 1900 - Present
GER 2/B PD/A

Introduction to the major themes in Caribbean history after 1900.

prereq: ENGL 120

3 hrs, 3 cr.

AFPRL 211 Black Economic History

Survey of economic behavior of Black Americans since 1619, with African background.

3 hrs, 3 cr.

AFPRL 220 African Spirituality in the Diaspora
GER 2/C PD/A or B

The nature and expressions of the spiritual ethos enabling the survival of classical African human values in dehumanizing circumstances during and after enslavement in North America, South America and the Caribbean.

3 hrs, 3 cr.

AFPRL 222 African Civilization
GER 2/C PD/A

Introduction to study of African civilization.

3 hrs, 3 cr.

AFPRL 235(W) African Literature
GER 2/A PD/A

Introduction to contemporary African literature originally written in English. The course is conducted in English; all course requirements are in English.

prereq: ENGL 120

3 hrs, 3 cr.

AFPRL 236(W) African American Literature
GER 2/A PD/B

Introduction to African American writing, from earliest expressions to present.

prereq: ENGL 120

3 hrs, 3 cr.

AFPRL 237(W) African Caribbean Literature
GER 2/A PD/A or B

Introduction to the historical development and major artistic preoccupations of Caribbean literature. The course is conducted in English; all course requirements are in English.

prereq: ENGL 120

3 hrs, 3 cr.

AFPRL 241 Puerto Rican History to 1897
GER 2/B PD/A

An examination of Taino society, Spanish colonialism, slave economy and the development of nationhood in the 19th century.

3 hrs, 3 cr.

AFPRL 242 Puerto Rican History Since 1898
GER 2/B PD/A

Sociohistorical, political and economic analysis of Puerto Rico dating from the U.S. invasion to the present.

3 hrs, 3 cr.

AFPRL 243 Puerto Rican Culture
GER 2/C PD/A or B

General study of Puerto Rican culture and ethnic mixtures that went into making of that culture.

3 hrs, 3 cr.

AFPRL 244 Puerto Ricans in the United States
GER 2/B PD/B

Survey of the origins, contemporary and future development of Puerto Ricans in the United States.

3 hrs, 3 cr.

AFPRL 245 Puerto Rican Literature I
PD/A

Analysis of the emergence and development of the various literary genres which surfaced during the 19th century in the literature of Puerto Rico. Discussion and analysis of major 19th century Puerto Rican authors (Hostos, Tapia and Zeno Gandia).

prereq: SPAN 202 or equiv. or perm instr.

3 hrs, 3 cr.

AFPRL 246 Puerto Rican Literature II
PD/A

Discussion and analysis of the literary and cultural evolution of Puerto Rico viewed through the works of key 20th century authors. Literary production from the 1960s onwards is emphasized.

prereq: SPAN 202 or equiv. or perm instr.

3 hrs, 3 cr.

AFPRL 247 Puerto Ricans in the U.S. as a Literary Theme

Analysis of literary texts dealing with Puerto Rican communities in U.S. and their migration experiences.

prereqs: ENGL 120 and reading knowledge of

Spanish

3 hrs, 3 cr.

AFPRL 248 Caribbean Spanish

Linguistic analysis of Spanish as spoken in Puerto Rican, Dominican and Cuban communities.

3 hrs, 3 cr.

AFPRL 255 Puerto Rican/Latino Children in North American Schools
PD/B

Survey of educational system viewed as an acculturating institution.

3 hrs, 3 cr.

AFPRL 270 Economic History of Puerto Ricans
Stages of change in economic structures and labor conditions among Puerto Ricans in Puerto Rico and the U.S.

prereq: AFPRL 242 or 244

3 hrs, 3 cr.

AFPRL 276 The Puerto Rican Family

Investigation of structure and function of Puerto Rican family as integrating unit on island and mainland.

3 hrs, 3 cr.

AFPRL 281 Fieldwork in African American/Latino Communities

Fieldwork involvement and sociopolitical analysis of a community organization in the Black and/or Puerto Rican/Latino communities.

3 hrs, 3 cr. each

AFPRL 290 Selected Topics in Africana and Puerto Rican Studies

Topics change according to instructor.

3 hrs, 3 cr.

Note: all 300 and above level courses have ENGL 120 as a prerequisite.

AFPRL 304(W) Leaders and Movements of Black Urban Communities
GER 3/B PD/B

Personalities and movements that have influenced Black communities of U.S.; focuses mainly on 20th century.

prereqs: AFPRL 203, 204

3 hrs, 3 cr.

AFPRL 306(W) Modern African International Relations
GER 3/B PD/A

Factors affecting relations among African states and between African and non-African states within international system.

prereq: AFPRL 206 or perm dept.

3 hrs, 3 cr.

AFPRL 307(W) Contemporary African Politics
GER 3/B

Study of post-independence nationalism, political systems, regional and inter-nation cooperation of African nations.

3 hrs, 3 cr.

AFPRL 308(W) Contemporary International Relations of the Afro-Caribbean
GER 3/B

Examination of use of foreign policy for economic development in Caribbean and as instrument of transformation.

3 hrs, 3 cr.

AFPRL 309(W) Afro-Americans and Africa
GER 3/B PD/A or B

Major evidence of Black American involvement and interest in Africa from 1775 to present.

prereqs: AFPRL 203, 204

3 hrs, 3 cr.

AFPRL 310(W) Modern Nigeria

GER 3/B

Detailed study of the historical development of modern Nigeria from the late 19th century to the present.

prereq: perm instr.
3 hrs, 3 cr.

AFPRL 313(W) Slavery

GER 3/B PD/A or B

Historical overview of slavery from Africa to the Americas.

prereq: AFPRL 203 or 209 or perm instr.
3 hrs, 3 cr.

AFPRL 314(W) Blacks in Labor and Politics

GER 3/B

Black labor from emancipation to present. Emphasis on period between New Deal and present.

prereq: AFPRL 204 or 205 or perm instr.
3 hrs, 3 cr.

AFPRL 318(W) Women in Africa

GER 3/B PD/C

Examination of African womanhood in traditional setting during colonialism and neo-colonialism, independence and revolution.

prereq: AFPRL 202 or 222 or perm instr.
3 hrs, 3 cr.

AFPRL 319(W) Women in the African Diaspora

GER 3/B PD/B or C

The cultural-historical role of women of African descent in North America and the Caribbean in relation to the family, to political resistance and in sustaining African culture and values.

prereq: AFPRL 204 or 209 or 210 or perm instr.
3 hrs, 3 cr.

AFPRL 320(W) African-Caribbean Culture

GER 3/A PD/A or B

Anthropological study of culture of Caribbean peoples of African descent: African roots, slavery and contemporary life styles.

prereq: AFPRL 209 or 210 or 222
3 hrs, 3 cr.

AFPRL 322(W) African World View: Philosophy and Symbolic Thought

GER 3/A PD/A

Examination of African religious systems, metaphysical conceptions and philosophy.

prereq: AFPRL 222 or perm instr.
3 hrs, 3 cr.
offered every other sem.

AFPRL 323(W) Islam and Christianity in Africa

GER 3/A

Examination of relationship of Islam and Christianity to primary African religion and their political role in African history.

prereq: AFPRL 201 or 202 or 222 or perm instr.
3 hrs, 3 cr.

AFPRL 324(W) African American Ethnohistory

Ethnohistorical survey of development of Black culture in the diaspora; reinterpretation of African forms in Western European environment.

prereq: AFPRL 220 or perm instr.
3 hrs, 3 cr.

pending Hunter College Senate approval

AFPRL 330(W) Autobiography as a Theme in Black Literature

GER 3/A

Treatment of autobiographical works of Black authors in U.S., Caribbean and Africa during 19th and 20th centuries.

3 hrs, 3 cr.

AFPRL 336(W)/WOMST 336(W) African American Women Writers

GER 3/A PD/C

Afro-American female authors from slavery to present: novels, short stories, essays, plays, poetry, teenage fiction and children's books.

prereq: AFPRL 236 or perm instr.
3 hrs, 3 cr.

AFPRL 337(W)/WOMST 337(W) Caribbean Women Writers

GER 3/A

A study of some of the major preoccupations of Caribbean fiction, such as history, migration/travel, creolization, memory and language, from the perspectives of selected women writers, paying close attention to the historical, intellectual and cultural contexts that stimulated the production of these works.

prereq: AFPRL 236 or 237 or ENGL 220 or WOMST 100
3 hrs, 3 cr.

AFPRL 342(W) Political Nationalism in Puerto Rico

GER 3/B PD/A

Nationalist ideology in Puerto Rico: its impact on contemporary political movements and economy.

prereq: AFPRL 242 or perm instr.
3 hrs, 3 cr.

AFPRL 351(W) Major Puerto Rican Figures

GER 3/B PD/A or B

Theorists, poets and statesmen in formation of Puerto Rican nationality.

prereq: AFPRL 143 or 242 or 243
3 hrs, 3 cr.

AFPRL 352(W) Power Structure in Puerto Rico

GER 3/B

Social analysis of class divisions, role of the economy and the United States presence in Puerto Rico.

prereq: AFPRL 243 or 270
3 hrs, 3 cr.

AFPRL 355(W) The African Image in 19th and 20th century Spanish Antillean Poetry

GER 3/A PD/A

The portrayal of the African image in Spanish Antillean poetry seen through the work and poetic trends of its major exponents.

prereqs: AFPRL 143 or SPAN 208, reading knowledge of Spanish
3 hrs, 3 cr.

AFPRL 356(W) Latino Literature in English

GER 3/A PD/B

Latino writing in English in the U.S.; analysis of cultural, linguistic and ideological factors as found in the work of such authors as Sandra Cisneros (Chicana), Pedro Pietri (Puerto Rican) and Oscar Hijuelos (Cuban-American).

3 hrs, 3 cr.

AFPRL 360(W) Politics in Puerto Rico

GER 3/B

Analysis of the political status issue, development of political parties, national leadership and participation.

prereq: AFPRL 242 or 342 or perm instr.
3 hrs, 3 cr.

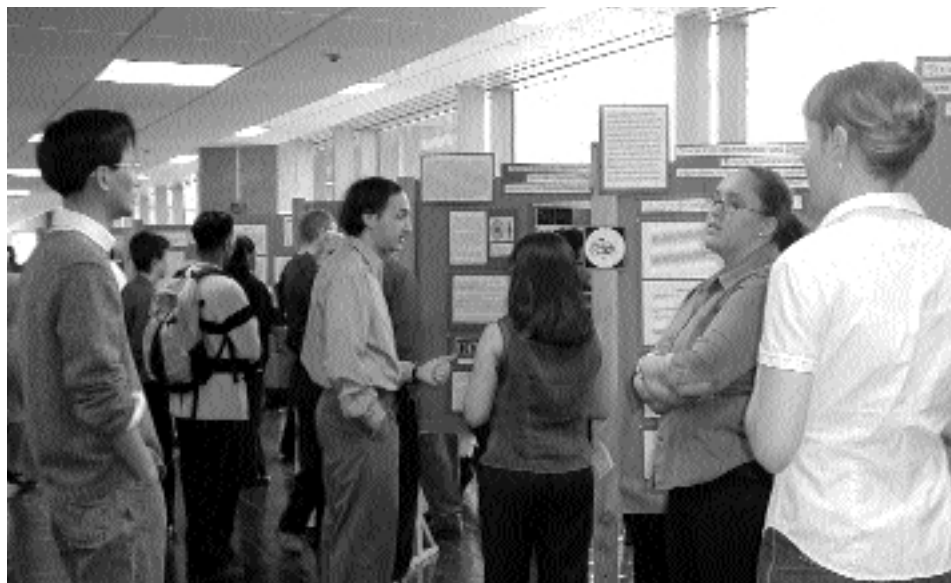
AFPRL 362(W) Puerto Rican and Caribbean Religious Practices

GER 3/A PD/A or B

Reading knowledge of Spanish suggested. Analysis of roots of folk religion in Indian, African and Spanish cultures. Religious syncretisms, popular imagery and ritual practices.

prereq: AFPRL 141 or 243
3 hrs, 3 cr.





AFPRL 370(W) Sociolinguistic Fieldwork in Black and Puerto Rican/Latino Speech Communities
GER 3/B

Sociolinguistic theory applied to linguistic varieties spoken in African American, African-Caribbean, Puerto Rican and other Latino communities.

prereq: AFPRL 181 or ANTHC 151

3 hrs, 3 cr.

pending Hunter College Senate approval

AFPRL 384(W) Poverty in Society
GER 3/B

Causes and effects of deprivation, with emphasis on policy and program approaches for African Americans and Puerto Ricans/Latinos.

prereqs: 2 AFPRL courses completed

3 hrs, 3 cr.

AFPRL 387(W) Puerto Rican/Latino Politics in the United States
GER 3/B PD/B

An analysis of the political participation and leadership of Puerto Ricans and other Latinos in the United States.

prereq: AFPRL 102 or 242 or 244 or perm. instr.

3 hrs, 3 cr.

AFPRL 390(W) Research Topics in Africana and Puerto Rican/Latino Studies
GER 3/B

Open to Jr/Sr only. Topics change according to instructor.

3 hrs, 3 cr.

pending Hunter College Senate approval

AFPRL 401 Pan-Africanism
GER 3/B

Not open to freshmen. Seminar traces development of Pan-Africanism through the 20th century.

prereq: AFPRL 202 or 204 or 206

3 hrs, 3 cr.

AFPRL 402 African American Political Thought
GER 3/B

Comparative theorists; methods and ideological currents.

prereq: AFPRL 203 or 204 or 205

3 hrs, 3 cr.

AFPRL 403 Development Strategies in the African-Caribbean
GER 3/B

Analysis of developmental strategies used by Caribbean nations after independence.

prereq: AFPRL 207 or 208 or 209 or 210 or perm instr.

3 hrs, 3 cr.

AFPRL 420 The Black Church and Social Change
GER 3/B

In-depth study of the sociopolitical role of Black church in political struggle of Black people with special emphasis on America.

prereq: AFPRL 203 or 204 or 205 or perm instr.

3 hrs, 3 cr.

AFPRL 428 Selected Topics in Africana and Puerto Rican/ Latino Studies: Social Science
GER 3/B

Topics change according to instructor.

prereq: perm dept.

3 hrs, 3 cr.

pending Hunter College Senate approval

AFPRL 442 History of Puerto Rican Labor Movements
GER 3/B

Historical development of Puerto Rican working class, its movements and organizations from 19th century to present.

prereq: AFPRL 242 or 270

3 hrs, 3 cr.

AFPRL 445 Caribbean Short Story in Spanish: Readings and Theories
GER 3/A

A critical study of the short story genre in the Hispanic Caribbean viewed in conjunction with contemporary literary theory.

pre- or coreq: SPAN 208

3 hrs, 3 cr.

AFPRL 499 Honors

Individual research, honors essay under direction of a department member.

prereqs: perm dept; upper Jr/Sr with 3.3

cumulative GPA, 3.5 major GPA

3 hrs, 3 cr.

SWAHILI

SWA 101, 102 Swahili I, II

Introduction to Swahili, pronunciation and elements of grammar.

3 hrs, 3 cr. each

credit for SWA 101 is not given until SWA 102 is completed

SWA 201 Swahili III

Grammar review, composition oral practice.

prereq: SWA 102 or demonstrated competence in speaking and writing

3 hrs, 3 cr.

SWA 202 Swahili IV

Review of morphology and syntax original composition, intensive oral practice.

prereq: SWA 201 or demonstrated competence as a native speaker

3 hrs, 3 cr.

YORUBA

YOR 101, 102 Yoruba I, II

Elementary Yoruba. Introduction to language and culture of Yoruba People of Nigeria.

3 hrs, 3 cr. each

credit for YOR 101 is not given until YOR 102 is completed

YOR 201 Yoruba III

Writing and reading of Yoruba language, including study of grammar and syntax.

prereq: YOR 102 or demonstrated competence in speaking and writing

3 hrs, 3 cr.

YOR 202 Yoruba IV

Intensive writing and reading of Yoruba language and continuation of study of grammar and syntax.

prereq: YOR 201 or demonstrated competence as a native speaker

3 hrs, 3 cr.

Courses That May Not Be Offered in 2004-2007:

AFPRL 314(W) Blacks in Labor and Politics
AFPRL 322(W) African World View: Philosophy and Symbolic Thought

AFPRL 323(W) Islam and Christianity in Africa
AFPRL 324(W) African American Ethnohistory

AFPRL 330(W) Autobiography as a Theme in Black Literature

AFPRL 370(W) Sociolinguistic Fieldwork in Black and Puerto Rican/Latino Speech Communities

AFPRL 401 Pan-Africanism

AFPRL 402 African American Political Thought

AFPRL 403 Development Strategies in the African-Caribbean

AFPRL 420 The Black Church and Social Change

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