

The next 12 pages are in response to  
Subcommittee C's questions pertaining to the  
MA and Graduate Minor

## Rationale

The department's Graduate Committee met throughout winter 09 and Spring '10 to examine our graduate program. Very early on in the process the Committee decided not to make any major changes in our M.A. program. Instead the Committee decided to make a literal translation from our quarter based program to a semester based program retaining the three areas of concentration: African American Studies, African Studies, and Comparative Diaspora Studies. This did entail reducing the overall number of courses by eliminating some which were no longer relevant to the program and by combining some two quarter sequence courses into one semester courses.

There were two predominate factors in our decision not to make major changes at this time while streamlining and updating the program. First, the department will be going through a program review in 2010-2011 and wanted the perspective of the program reviewers before launching any major changes. And second, the Department has voted to start work on creating a Ph.D. program, once the review and the conversion complete. The last major revision to our M.A. Program was in 2003-2004 when the program was converted from a one year program to a two-year program.

There is no language requirement for the graduate minor program.

## Summary of course changes:

Quarter Course Numbers	Semester Number	Course Title	Explanation of changes
693	5193	Individual Studies	As determined by the college
694	5194	Group Studies	As determined by the college
705.01/485.01	5485.01	Southern Africa: Society and Culture	Combined graduate and undergraduate course
705.03/485.01	5485.02	West Africa: Society and Culture	Combined graduate and undergraduate course
705.02/705.04	5798	Study Abroad in Africa and the Diaspora	Make study abroad course as topics course
485.02/485.04/ 710.01	6189.01	Community Service (Service Learning)	Semester version
710.02	6189.02	Grant Writing Proposal Writing	Semester version
694	6194	Graduate Group Studies	As determined by the college
718	7717	African American Social Movement Leadership	Semester version
725	7725	Political Development of sub-Saharan Africa	Semester version
630	7730	Black Political Movements and Organizations	Semester version
732	7732	Law, Politics and Human Rights in Africa	Semester version
750	7750	Language and Society in Africa	Semester version
751	7751	Introduction to Graduate Studies in African Literature	Semester version
753	7753	Graduate Survey in African American and African Studies	Semester version
754	7754	Methodological Perspectives in African American and African Studies	Semester version
756	7756	Theorizing Race and Ethnicity	Semester version
860	7759	Topics in African Diaspora Studies	Semester version
760	7760	African Pop Culture	Semester version
	7765	African Social Movements in the Age of Globalization	
781	7781	Topics in African Political Philosophy	Semester version
792	7792	Interdepartmental Studies in the Humanities	As determined by college
810	7810	Topics in Black Feminist Theory	Semester version
833	7833	Seminar in U.S./ Africa Relations	Semester version
851	7851	Approaches to Black Literatures	Semester version
862	7862	Mental Health in the African American Community	Semester version
new	8350	Transnational History of the African World	

new	8830	Black Women's (Auto) Biographies: Voices of Resistance	
new	8840	Seminar in Black Masculinity Studies	
new	8850	Consumer Culture, Race and Modernity	
854	8854	Seminar in Major Black Authors	Semester version
863	8863	Reading the African Diaspora	Semester version
865	8865	Race, Gender, and Class in the Diaspora	Semester version
899	8899	Interdepartmental Seminar	As determined by college
998	8998	Research in African American and African Studies: Thesis	As determined by college
623	5623/Women Studies 5623	African Women	
757.01	6757.01/English 6757.01	Graduate Studies in African American Literature, 1746 to 1900	
757.02	6757.02/English 6757.02	Introduction to Graduate Studies in African American Literature, 1900 to Present	
752	7080/History 7080	Studies in African American History	
new	7081/History 7081	African Americans in Early America	
new	7082/History 7082	African Americans during the Nineteenth Century	
new	7083/History 7083	African Americans during the Twentieth Century	
new	7084/History 7084	African American Historiography	
new	7085/History 7085	19th Century African American Political History	
new	7086/History 7086	The Civil Rights and Black Power Movements	
new	7087/History 7087	Black Women in the United States	
new	7090/History 7090	Atlantic World History	
new	7300/History 7300	Introduction to Graduate Level African History	
742	7301/History 7301	African Historiography and Methodology	
758.01	7302/History 7302	Comparative History of the African Diaspora: Enslavement and Emancipation	
	7303/His	Comparative History of the African	

758.02	tory 7303	Diaspora: Post-Emancipation, Colonial, and Post-Colonial Realities	
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DELETED Courses

734.01	Topics in Race and the American Legal System
734.02	Topics in Race and the American Legal System: Race and Employment
774	Africa Before Colonial Rule
780.02	African Performing Ensemble
781	Topics in African Political Philosophy
789	Performance Practices in Sub-Saharan African Music
HIST 875.01	Seminar in African American History I
HIST 875.02	Seminar in African American History II

## Requirements for the Program

Graduate Minor: 12 hours

### Core Requirement: (9 hours)

Course	Credit hours
AAAS 7753: Graduate Survey in African American and African Studies	3
AAAS 7754: Methodological Perspectives in African American and African Studies	3
AAAS 7756: Theorizing Race and Ethnicity	3

Specific requirements for the African American Studies Graduate Minor: One elective course from the following:

Semester Number	Course Title	Credit hours
5193	Individual Studies	3
5194	Group Studies	3
5485.01	Southern Africa: Society and Culture	3
5485.02	West Africa: Society and Culture	3
5798	Study Abroad in Africa and the Diaspora	3
6189.01	Community Service (Service Learning)	3
6189.02	Grant Writing Proposal Writing	3
6194	Graduate Group Studies	3
7520	Readings in African American History	3
7580	Enslavement, Emancipation, Colonial and Post-Colonial Realities	3
7717	African American Social Movement Leadership	3
7725	Political Development of sub-Saharan Africa	3
7730	Black Political Movements and Organizations	3
7732	Law, Politics and Human Rights in Africa	3
7750	Language and Society in Africa	3
7751	Introduction to Graduate Studies in African Literature	3
7759	Topics in African Diaspora Studies	3
7760	African Pop Culture	3
7765	African Social Movements in the Age of Globalization	3
7781	Topics in African Political Philosophy	3
7792	Interdepartmental Studies in the Humanities	3
7810	Topics in Black Feminist Theory	3
7833	Seminar in U.S./ Africa Relations	3
7851	Approaches to Black Literatures	3
7862	Mental Health in the African American Community	3
8350	Transnational History of the African World	3
8830	Black Women's (Auto) Biographies: Voices of Resistance	3

8840	Seminar in Black Masculinity Studies	3
8850	Consumer Culture, Race and Modernity	3
8854	Seminar in Major Black Authors	3
8863	Reading the African Diaspora	3
8865	Race, Gender, and Class in the Diaspora	3
8899	Interdepartmental Seminar	3
8998	Research in African American and African Studies: Thesis	3
5623/Women Studies 5623	African Women	3
5752/Geography 5752	South Africa Society and Space	3
6757.01/English 6757.01	Graduate Studies in African American Literature, 1746 to 1900	3
6757.02/English 6757.02	Introduction to Graduate Studies in African American Literature, 1900 to Present	3
7080/History 7080	Studies in African American History	3
7081/History 7081	African Americans in Early America	3
7082/History 7082	African Americans during the Nineteenth Century	3
7083/History 7083	African Americans during the Twentieth Century	3
7084/History 7084	African American Historiography	3
7085/History 7085	19th Century African American Political History	3
7086/History 7086	The Civil Rights and Black Power Movements	3
7087/History 7087	Black Women in the United States	3
7090/History 7090	Atlantic World History	3
7300/History 7300	Introduction to Graduate Level African History	3
7301/History 7301	African Historiography and Methodology	3
7302/History 7302	Comparative History of the African Diaspora: Enslavement and Emancipation	3
7303/History 7303	Comparative History of the African Diaspora: Post-Emancipation, Colonial, and Post-Colonial Realities	3

## Semester Advising Sheet

### *Graduate Minor Program of Study Semester Advising Sheet*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

GPA (3.0 minimum requirement) \_\_\_\_\_

Matriculation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Core Requirement**

**9 hours of core course work:**

Course	Credit hours
AAAS 7753: Graduate Survey in African American and African Studies	3
AAAS 7754: Methodological Perspectives in African American and African Studies	3
AAAS 7756: Theorizing Race and Ethnicity	3

**3 hour of elective course work (selected from the list of semester conversion):**

	<i>SEM</i>	<i>CREDIT</i>	<i>GRADE</i>

## Graduate Minor Quarter Advising Sheet (M.A.)

### GRADUATE MINOR IN AFRICAN AMERICAN AND AFRICAN STUDIES

The Graduate Minor in African American and African Studies is intended to cater to graduate students in a wide range of disciplines who have some interest in the Black experience in Africa and/or the Americas as part of their academic or professional plans and development. Students from various disciplinary backgrounds, such as those in Public Health, Clinical or Counseling Psychology, Education, History, Political Science or Law, stand to benefit immensely from a Graduate Minor in African American Studies, African Studies, and Comparative Diaspora Studies.

There is no language requirement for the graduate minor program.

#### The Program

1. The Graduate Minor in African American, Comparative Diaspora and African Studies requires a minimum of **20 credit hours** of coursework in these three areas. None of these hours may be in AAAS 693 without the written approval of the Director of Graduate Studies in the Department of African American and African Studies.
2. The Graduate Minor in African American and African Studies has THREE concentrations:

1. African American Studies
2. African Studies
3. Comparative Diaspora Studies

#### The African American Studies Concentration:

The African American Studies Concentration of the Graduate Minor in African American and African Studies is intended to cater to students in other programs who have an academic or professional interest in the African American community and/or experience. Its specific requirements include:

- a) AAAS 756: Theorizing Race and Ethnicity (5 credit hours)
- b) **A minimum of 15 credit hours from the following list of courses:**

AAAS 730:	Black Political Movements and Organizations
AAAS 718:	Citizen Participation



AAAS 734.01:	Topics in Race & the American Legal System: Affirmative Action
AAAS 734.02:	Topics in Race & the American Legal System: Race and Employment
AAAS/HIST 752:	Readings in African American History
AAAS 757.01:	Intro to Graduate Studies in African American Lit., 1746 to 1900
AAAS 757.02:	Intro to Graduate Studies in African American Lit., 1900 to Present
AAAS 775.03:	Feminism and Black Political Thought
AAAS 782:	Modern Black Political Thought
AAAS/ENG 851:	Seminar in Critical Approaches to Black Literatures (when primary focus is on the African American experience)
AAAS 854:	Seminar in Major Black Authors (when primary focus is on the African American experience)
AAAS 862:	Mental Health and the African American Community
AAAS 865:	Race, Gender and Class in the Black Community
AAAS/HIST 875:	Seminar in African American History (10 hour, two-quarter research seminar, taken upon permission of instructor)

**The African Studies Concentration:**

The African Studies Concentration of the Graduate Minor in African American and African Studies is designed to accommodate students in other programs who have an academic or professional interest in continental Africa. Its specific requirements include:

a) AAAS 756: Theorizing Race and Ethnicity (5 Credit Hours)

**b) A minimum of 15 credit hours from the following list of courses**

AAAS 725:	Political Development in Sub-Saharan Africa
AAAS 732:	Law, Politics & Human Rights in Africa
AAAS 742:	African Historiography and Methodology
AAAS 743:	Studies in African History
AAAS 750:	Language and Society in Africa

AAAS 751:	Introduction to Graduate Studies in African Literature
AAAS 760:	African Popular Culture
AAAS 774:	Africa Before Colonial Rule
AAAS 780.20:	African Performing Ensemble
AAAS 781:	Topics in African Political Philosophy
AAAS 789:	Performance Practices in African Music
AAAS 833:	Seminar in U.S.-Africa Relations

**The Comparative African Diaspora Concentration:**

The General Concentration of the Graduate Minor in African American and African Studies will cater to the needs of students in other programs with a broader academic interest in the global African experience as a whole. Its specific requirements include, 20 credit hours from the following:

- a) AAAS 756: Theorizing Race and Ethnicity (5 credit hours)
- b) At least 5 credit hours from the above list of courses in the African American Studies Minor Concentration
- c) At least 5 credit hours from the above list of courses in the African Studies Minor Concentration
- d) At least 5 credit hours from the following list of courses on Comparative Diaspora Studies:**

AAAS 705.01:	Graduate Seminar in Southern Africa Society and Culture
AAAS 705.03:	Graduate Seminar in West African Society and Culture
AAAS 748:	Contemporary Art Music Traditions of Africa and the Diaspora
AAAS 758.01	Comparative History of the African Diaspora I: Enslavement & Emancipation
AAAS 758.02	Comparative History of the African Diaspora II: Colonial and Postcolonial Realities
AAAS 759:	Topics in African Diaspora Studies (repeatable up to 20 hours)

AAAS 792:	Interdepartmental Studies in the Humanities
AAAS 851:	Seminar in Critical Approaches to Black Literatures
AAAS 854:	Seminar in Major Black Authors
AAAS 860:	Seminar in Comparative Black Literature
AAAS 863:	Reading the African Diaspora

There is no language requirement for graduate minor program or MA program.



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Dear AAAS Graduate Students and other Subscribers to AAAS courses:

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In the planning and implementing of its conversion from quarters to semesters for summer 2012, The Ohio State University and its Department of African American and African Studies (AAAS) are committed to protecting the academic progress of students. You should find that the shift from quarters to semesters does not disrupt progress toward your degrees if you

1. Proactively develop and follow an academic plan in consultation with your Faculty advisor.
2. Fulfill the Core Requirements as laid out in the Graduate Studies Program Handbook
3. Select a focus area and fulfill the course requirements as outlined in the Graduate Studies Program Handbook

Students completing a quarter-plus-semester degree program will receive approximately the same amount of instruction, and the changes to the calendar and to courses will not affect the quality of the AAAS Graduate Program. Tuition (general and instructional fees) for a year under the semester system will not cost any more than tuition under the quarter system, and the change should not adversely affect your financial aid.

To ensure that the conversion will not harm your progress, The AAAS Graduate Studies Committee and your faculty advisor will continue to provide detailed guidance concerning of what you will need to receive the M.A and Graduate Minor. Your Faculty advisor will understand how the changes in courses and curricula may affect students' programs, will know where and how programs can be flexible, and will be prepared to assist you in planning your remaining semesters toward graduation. Good planning around your academic program will be particularly important, and the Graduate Studies Committee and your faculty advisor will provide that support to students who begin their academic career under quarters and complete it under semesters.

Students' records will vary considerably, and each student's plan will need to be determined individually. Every student will be responsible for getting and using the advice essential to assure progress toward his or her degree. Advising is a joint endeavor, and we are confident that students and their advisors, working together, can develop effective plans leading to timely graduation within the context of converting to semesters.

Sincerely,

H. Ike-Okafor Newsum (H.E. Newsum)  
Chair

Status: PENDING

**PROGRAM REQUEST**  
African-American and African Studies  
Graduate Minor

Last Updated: Myers, Dena Elizabeth  
06/24/2011

**Fiscal Unit/Academic Org** African-Amer & African Studies - D0502  
**Administering College/Academic Group** Arts And Sciences  
**Co-administering College/Academic Group**  
**Semester Conversion Designation** Converted with minimal changes to program goals and/or curricular requirements (e.g., sub-plan/specialization name changes, changes in electives and/or prerequisites, minimal changes in overall structure of program, minimal or no changes in program goals or content)  
**Current Program/Plan Name** African-American and African Studies Minor  
**Proposed Program/Plan Name** African-American and African Studies Graduate Minor  
**Program/Plan Code Abbreviation** AFAMAST-GM  
**Current Degree Title**

**Credit Hour Explanation**

Program credit hour requirements		A) Number of credit hours in current program (Quarter credit hours)	B) Calculated result for 2/3rds of current (Semester credit hours)	C) Number of credit hours required for proposed program (Semester credit hours)	D) Change in credit hours
Total minimum credit hours required for completion of program		20	13.3	12	1.3
Required credit hours offered by the unit	Minimum	20	13.3	12	1.3
	Maximum	20	13.3	12	1.3
Required credit hours offered outside of the unit	Minimum	0	0.0	0	0.0
	Maximum	0	0.0	0	0.0
Required prerequisite credit hours not included above	Minimum	0	0.0	0	0.0
	Maximum	0	0.0	0	0.0

**Program Learning Goals**

Note: these are required for all undergraduate degree programs and majors now, and will be required for all graduate and professional degree programs in 2012. Nonetheless, all programs are encouraged to complete these now.

**Program Learning Goals** • Not needed for graduate programs at this time

**Assessment**

Assessment plan includes student learning goals, how those goals are evaluated, and how the information collected is used to improve student learning. An assessment plan is required for undergraduate majors and degrees. Graduate and professional degree programs are encouraged to complete this now, but will not be required to do so until 2012.

**Is this a degree program (undergraduate, graduate, or professional) or major proposal? Yes**

**Does the degree program or major have an assessment plan on file with the university Office of Academic Affairs? No**

**DIRECT MEASURES (means of assessment that measure performance directly, are authentic and minimize mitigating or intervening factors)**

**Standardized tests**

- Local comprehensive or proficiency examinations

**Classroom assignments**

- Embedded testing (i.e. specific questions in homework or exams that allow faculty to assess students' attainments of a specific learning goal)

**INDIRECT MEASURES (means of assessment that are related to direct measures but are steps removed from those measures)**

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**Surveys and Interviews**

- Student evaluation of instruction
- Student interviews or focus groups

**Additional types of indirect evidence**

- External program review
- Curriculum or syllabus review

**USE OF DATA (how the program uses or will use the evaluation data to make evidence-based improvements to the program periodically)**

- Meet with students directly to discuss their performance
- Analyze and discuss trends with the unit's faculty
- Make improvements in course content
- Periodically confirm that current curriculum and courses are facilitating student attainment of program goals

**Program Specializations/Sub-Plans**

If you do not specify a program specialization/sub-plan it will be assumed you are submitting this program for all program specializations/sub-plans.

**Pre-Major**

Does this Program have a Pre-Major? No

**Attachments**

- Chair's Letter Introduction and Rationale.pdf: Section1: Chair's Letter Intro and Rationale  
*(Program Rationale Statement. Owner: Goings, Kenneth W.)*
- Upload Graduate Minor Program Rationale 6 16 11.pdf: SEction 2: Rationale; Advising sheet; Program desc  
*(Program Proposal. Owner: Goings, Kenneth W.)*
- A and H.CL.AAAS.G.doc: A and H Cover Letter  
*(Letter from the College to OAA. Owner: Williams, Valarie Lucille)*

**Comments**

- Ken,

I changed the designation to GM (Graduate Minor). I did not realize we could change information in each other's sections.

Walter *(by Rucker, Walter C on 08/06/2010 09:02 PM)*

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African-American and African Studies  
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06/24/2011

**Workflow Information**

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Vice Provost, OAA  
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Elliot Slotnick, Associate Dean  
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Dear Randy and Elliot,

The Department of African American and African Studies has completed and submitted its proposals for the semester versions of its graduate programs:

Graduate Minor in AAAS  
MA in AAAS  
Ph.D. in AAAS—new program under semesters

The Arts and Humanities Disciplinary Advisory Panel for Curriculum within the College of Arts and Sciences reviewed the proposals on February 25, 2011, provided feedback to the department, and unanimously approved the programs during its meeting on May 11, 2011. We are now forwarding them for review at the Graduate School and Council on Academic Affairs.

Most specifically, I have highlighted the important changes and aspects for the programs below:

**Graduate Minor in African American and African Studies:** The graduate minor was first approved previous to 2006 as there are no ASC records to indicate otherwise. After discussion and preparation for its program review in 2010-2011, the department chose to convert the graduate minor with some changes, and has retained its quarter concentrations: African American Studies, African Studies, and Comparative Diaspora Studies. The quarter-based degree was 20 credit hours and its semester-based version is 12 credit hours. The core course of 7756 (756) is retained under semesters with the addition of two courses to the core: 7753 and 7754. The inclusion of these three courses as the foundation mirror the MA and PhD core course requirements and provide a solid foundation of understanding for their students. In order to complete the minor, students then select one course from a list of electives. The transition statement that the department has submitted is addressed to the graduate students, and courses counted under quarters will be counted under semesters. As indicated in their transition plan, faculty will work individually with each student to provide the individual advising necessary to complete the Graduate Minor.

**Master of Arts in African American and African Studies:** The MA in African American and African Studies was first approved previous to 2006 as there are no ASC records to indicate otherwise. Revisions to the program were approved by CAA in academic year 2003-2004 when the one-year program at that time converted to a two-year MA. After discussion and preparation for its program review in 2010-2011, the department chose to convert the MA with minimal changes, and has retained its quarter core courses: 7753, (753), 7754 (754), and 7756 (756). The same quarter requirements of 9 hours of the core courses, 18 hours in the focus area, and 3 hours in the breadth area are required under semesters. Students select from one of three areas of concentration: African American Studies, African Studies or Comparative African Diaspora Studies. Each concentration of African American Studies and African Studies are comprised of two focus areas. Diaspora Studies concentration area is comprised of only a list of courses without a focus area as this area is still growing. The MA also retains its two options: Thesis Plan with 30 credits of course work, 6 hours of thesis, and an oral exam, and a Non-Thesis Plan with 36 credits of course work, a comprehensive written examination, and an oral defense. Like the Graduate Minor, the transition statement that the department has submitted is addressed to the graduate students, and courses



counted under quarters will be counted under semesters. As indicated in their transition plan, faculty will work individually with each student to provide the individual advising necessary to complete the Graduate Minor.

**PhD in African American and African Studies:** The PhD in African American and African Studies is a *new* program created by the department from its discussions for preparation for its program review. The Graduate Studies Committee and full faculty worked throughout the Winter and Spring to create the new PhD. The college review committee provided feedback throughout this process, and ultimately approved the new graduate degree on May 11, 1011. For students entering with a BA, the program is made up of the MA of 36 hours, the PhD coursework of 36 hours, and 15 hours of dissertation and prospectus, for a total of 87 hours for the PhD. Students not completing their MA from Ohio State, but who instead, enter with 30 credit hours of MA credit from outside the institution, are required to take the three foundational courses of 7753, (753), 7754 (754), and 7756 (756), and then continue with the 36 hours of PhD coursework and 15 hours of dissertation and prospectus, for a total of 90 hours for the PhD. Like the Graduate Minor and MA, students select from one of three areas of concentration: African American Studies, African Studies, or Comparative African Diaspora Studies. Each concentration of African American Studies and African Studies are comprised of two focus areas. Diaspora Studies concentration area is comprised of only a list of courses without a focus area, because this area is still growing. The college is excited to see the development of the doctoral program and fully supports this new Ph.D. Please note that there is a letter of support from Executive Dean and Vice Provost Joseph Steinmetz among the proposal.

We are sending these programs forward for review and approval in the next stage of curricular review at The Graduate School and Council of Academic Affairs. The courses that are specific to the program are listed under AAAS in PACER, and have been advanced along with the program form. All programs from AAAS have the approval of Arts and Humanities. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call or email me at 292-5727 or [williams.1415@osu.edu](mailto:williams.1415@osu.edu).

Thank you for your consideration of these proposals,



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Program Offering Unit: African American and African Studies

College: Humanities

Degree: Graduate MA and Graduate Minor Programs

## Chair's Letter/Introduction/Rationale

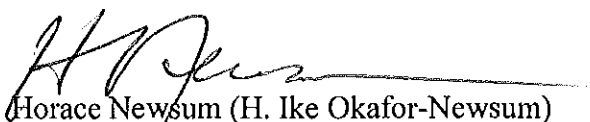
The department's Graduate Studies Committee met throughout the latter half of winter and all of spring 2010 and determined that despite significant changes planned for the undergraduate program, the MA program and the graduate minor should be converted to semesters without changes. Instead the Committee decided to make a literal translation from our quarter based program to a semester based program retaining **the three areas of concentration: African American Studies, African Studies, and Comparative Diaspora Studies**. This did entail reducing the overall number of courses by eliminating some which were no longer relevant to the program and by combining some two quarter sequence courses into one semester courses, with the same core requirements (Graduate Survey: AAAS 7753, Methods: AAAS 7754, and Theory :AAAS 7756) retained intact. The approval of the conversion proposal for the MA program and the graduate minor was discussed within the Graduate Studies Committee and presented to the full department faculty. Under the semester system students must complete 36 credit hours to satisfy the requirements for the MA: this includes 9 hours of core requirements, 18 hours in course work (12 in the area of concentration, plus 3 hours from each of the other two concentrations), 6 hours toward the MA thesis or exam, and an additional 3 elective hours. In addition to an area of concentration each graduate student will also select a **focus area, either "cultural studies" or "social studies."** The graduate minor under the semester system will require that students complete 12 credit hours of graduate course work (5000 to 8000-level courses) in the AAAS curriculum. The twelve-hour minor will consist of the 9-hour core requirement for the MA, plus 3 elective hours. Ultimately, the faculty rendered a unanimous vote to approve the conversion of the MA program and the graduate minor in African American and African Studies.

There were two predominate factors in our decision not to make major changes at this time while streamlining and updating the program. First, the department is going through a program review in 2010-2011 and wants the perspective of the external reviewers before launching any major changes. And second, although we do not anticipate any substantial revisions, it was determined that no changes would be made in regard to the Department's graduate curriculum until a Ph.D. program proposal was developed. The last major revision to our M.A. Program was in 2003-

2004 when it was converted from a one year program to a two-year program. Therefore I am recommending that the semester conversions of our graduate programs:

MA in African American and African Studies  
Graduate Minor in African American and African Studies

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Newsom', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Horace Newsom (H. Ike Okafor-Newsom)  
Chair, Department of African American and African Studies

## Rationale

The department's Graduate Committee met throughout winter 09 and Spring '10 to examine our graduate program. Very early on in the process the Committee decided not to make any major changes in our M.A. program. Instead the Committee decided to make a literal translation from our quarter based program to a semester based program retaining the three areas of concentration: African American Studies, African Studies, and Comparative Diaspora Studies. This did entail reducing the overall number of courses by eliminating some which were no longer relevant to the program and by combining some two quarter sequence courses into one semester courses.

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## Requirements for the Program

Graduate Minor: 12 hours

### Core Requirement: (9 hours)

Course	Credit hours
AAAS 7753: Graduate Survey in African American and African Studies	3
AAAS 7754: Methodological Perspectives in African American and African Studies	3
AAAS 7756: Theorizing Race and Ethnicity	3

Specific requirements for the African American Studies Graduate Minor: One elective course from the following:

Semester Number	Course Title	Credit hours
5193	Individual Studies	3
5194	Group Studies	3
5485.01	Southern Africa: Society and Culture	3
5485.02	West Africa: Society and Culture	3
5798	Study Abroad in Africa and the Diaspora	3
6189.01	Community Service (Service Learning)	3
6189.02	Grant Writing Proposal Writing	3
6194	Graduate Group Studies	3
7520	Readings in African American History	3
7580	Enslavement, Emancipation, Colonial and Post-Colonial Realities	3
7717	African American Social Movement Leadership	3
7725	Political Development of sub-Saharan Africa	3
7730	Black Political Movements and Organizations	3
7732	Law, Politics and Human Rights in Africa	3
7750	Language and Society in Africa	3
7751	Introduction to Graduate Studies in African Literature	3
7759	Topics in African Diaspora Studies	3
7760	African Pop Culture	3
7765	African Social Movements in the Age of Globalization	3
7781	Topics in African Political Philosophy	3
7792	Interdepartmental Studies in the Humanities	3
7810	Topics in Black Feminist Theory	3
7833	Seminar in U.S./ Africa Relations	3
7851	Approaches to Black Literatures	3
7862	Mental Health in the African American Community	3
8840	Seminar in Black Masculinity Studies	3
8854	Seminar in Major Black Authors	3

8863	Reading the African Diaspora	3
8865	Race, Gender, and Class in the Diaspora	3
8899	Interdepartmental Seminar	3
8998	Research in African American and African Studies: Thesis	3
5623/Women Studies 5623	African Women	3
5752/Geography 5752	South Africa Society and Space	3
6757.01/English 6757.01	Graduate Studies in African American Literature, 1746 to 1900	3
6757.02/English 6757.02	Introduction to Graduate Studies in African American Literature, 1900 to Present	3
7080/History 7080	Studies in African American History	3
7081/History 7081	African Americans in Early America	3
7082/History 7082	African Americans during the Nineteenth Century	3
7083/History 7083	African Americans during the Twentieth Century	3
7084/History 7084	African American Historiography	3
7085/History 7085	19th Century African American Political History	3
7086/History 7086	The Civil Rights and Black Power Movements	3
7087/History 7087	Black Women in the United States	3
7090/History 7090	Atlantic World History	3
7300/History 7300	Introduction to Graduate Level African History	3
7301/History 7301	African Historiography and Methodology	3
7302/History 7302	Comparative History of the African Diaspora: Enslavement and Emancipation	3
7303/History 7303	Comparative History of the African Diaspora: Post-Emancipation, Colonial, and Post-Colonial Realities	3

## Semester Advising Sheet

### *Graduate Minor Program of Study Semester Advising Sheet*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

GPA (3.0 minimum requirement) \_\_\_\_\_

Matriculation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Core Requirement**

**9 hours of core course work:**

Course	Credit hours
AAAS 7753: Graduate Survey in African American and African Studies	3
AAAS 7754: Methodological Perspectives in African American and African Studies	3
AAAS 7756: Theorizing Race and Ethnicity	3

**3 hour of elective course work (selected from the list of semester conversion):**

	<i>SEM</i>	<i>CREDIT</i>	<i>GRADE</i>

## Graduate Minor Quarter Advising Sheet (M.A.)

### GRADUATE MINOR IN AFRICAN AMERICAN AND AFRICAN STUDIES

The Graduate Minor in African American and African Studies is intended to cater to graduate students in a wide range of disciplines who have some interest in the Black experience in Africa and/or the Americas as part of their academic or professional plans and development. Students from various disciplinary backgrounds, such as those in Public Health, Clinical or Counseling Psychology, Education, History, Political Science or Law, stand to benefit immensely from a Graduate Minor in African American Studies, African Studies, and Comparative Diaspora Studies.

#### The Program

1. The Graduate Minor in African American, Comparative Diaspora and African Studies requires a minimum of **20 credit hours** of coursework in these three areas. None of these hours may be in AAAS 693 without the written approval of the Director of Graduate Studies in the Department of African American and African Studies.
2. The Graduate Minor in African American and African Studies has THREE concentrations:

1. African American Studies
2. African Studies
3. Comparative Diaspora Studies

#### The African American Studies Concentration:

The African American Studies Concentration of the Graduate Minor in African American and African Studies is intended to cater to students in other programs who have an academic or professional interest in the African American community and/or experience. Its specific requirements include:

- a) AAAS 756: Theorizing Race and Ethnicity (5 credit hours)
- b) **A minimum of 15 credit hours from the following list of courses:**

AAAS 730:	Black Political Movements and Organizations
AAAS 718:	Citizen Participation
AAAS 734.01:	Topics in Race & the American Legal System: Affirmative Action
AAAS 734.02:	Topics in Race & the American Legal System: Race and Employment



AAAS/HIST 752:	Readings in African American History
AAAS 757.01:	Intro to Graduate Studies in African American Lit., 1746 to 1900
AAAS 757.02:	Intro to Graduate Studies in African American Lit., 1900 to Present
AAAS 775.03:	Feminism and Black Political Thought
AAAS 782:	Modern Black Political Thought
AAAS/ENG 851:	Seminar in Critical Approaches to Black Literatures (when primary focus is on the African American experience)
AAAS 854:	Seminar in Major Black Authors (when primary focus is on the African American experience)
AAAS 862:	Mental Health and the African American Community
AAAS 865:	Race, Gender and Class in the Black Community
AAAS/HIST 875:	Seminar in African American History (10 hour, two-quarter research seminar, taken upon permission of instructor)

**The African Studies Concentration:**

The African Studies Concentration of the Graduate Minor in African American and African Studies is designed to accommodate students in other programs who have an academic or professional interest in continental Africa. Its specific requirements include:

- a) AAAS 756: Theorizing Race and Ethnicity (5 Credit Hours)  
**b) A minimum of 15 credit hours from the following list of courses**

AAAS 725:	Political Development in Sub-Saharan Africa
AAAS 732:	Law, Politics & Human Rights in Africa
AAAS 742:	African Historiography and Methodology
AAAS 743:	Studies in African History
AAAS 750:	Language and Society in Africa
AAAS 751:	Introduction to Graduate Studies in African Literature
AAAS 760:	African Popular Culture

AAAS 774:	Africa Before Colonial Rule
AAAS 780.20:	African Performing Ensemble
AAAS 781:	Topics in African Political Philosophy
AAAS 789:	Performance Practices in African Music
AAAS 833:	Seminar in U.S.-Africa Relations

**The Comparative African Diaspora Concentration:**

The General Concentration of the Graduate Minor in African American and African Studies will cater to the needs of students in other programs with a broader academic interest in the global African experience as a whole. Its specific requirements include, 20 credit hours from the following:

- a) AAAS 756: Theorizing Race and Ethnicity (5 credit hours)
- b) At least 5 credit hours from the above list of courses in the African American Studies Minor Concentration
- c) At least 5 credit hours from the above list of courses in the African Studies Minor Concentration
- d) At least 5 credit hours from the following list of courses on Comparative Diaspora Studies:**

AAAS 705.01:	Graduate Seminar in Southern Africa Society and Culture
AAAS 705.03:	Graduate Seminar in West African Society and Culture
AAAS 748:	Contemporary Art Music Traditions of Africa and the Diaspora
AAAS 758.01	Comparative History of the African Diaspora I: Enslavement & Emancipation
AAAS 758.02	Comparative History of the African Diaspora II: Colonial and Postcolonial Realities
AAAS 759:	Topics in African Diaspora Studies (repeatable up to 20 hours)
AAAS 792:	Interdepartmental Studies in the Humanities

AAAS 851:	Seminar in Critical Approaches to Black Literatures
AAAS 854:	Seminar in Major Black Authors
AAAS 860:	Seminar in Comparative Black Literature
AAAS 863:	Reading the African Diaspora

Transition Policy



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July 29, 2010

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Dear AAAS Graduate Students and other Subscribers to AAAS courses:

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In the planning and implementing of its conversion from quarters to semesters for summer 2012, The Ohio State University and its Department of African American and African Studies (AAAS) are committed to protecting the academic progress of students. You should find that the shift from quarters to semesters does not disrupt progress toward your degrees if you

1. Proactively develop and follow an academic plan in consultation with your Faculty advisor.
2. Fulfill the Core Requirements as laid out in the Graduate Studies Program Handbook
3. Select a focus area and fulfill the course requirements as outlined in the Graduate Studies Program Handbook

Students completing a quarter-plus-semester degree program will receive approximately the same amount of instruction, and the changes to the calendar and to courses will not affect the quality of the AAAS Graduate Program. Tuition (general and instructional fees) for a year under the semester system will not cost any more than tuition under the quarter system, and the change should not adversely affect your financial aid.

To ensure that the conversion will not harm your progress, The AAAS Graduate Studies Committee and your faculty advisor will continue to provide detailed guidance concerning of what you will need to receive the M.A and Graduate Minor. Your Faculty advisor will understand how the changes in courses and curricula may affect students' programs, will know where and how programs can be flexible, and will be prepared to assist you in planning your remaining semesters toward graduation. Good planning around your academic program will be particularly important, and the Graduate Studies Committee and your faculty advisor will provide that support to students who begin their academic career under quarters and complete it under semesters.

Students' records will vary considerably, and each student's plan will need to be determined individually. Every student will be responsible for getting and using the advice essential to assure progress toward his or her degree. Advising is a joint endeavor, and we are confident that students and their advisors, working together, can develop effective plans leading to timely graduation within the context of converting to semesters.

Sincerely,

H. Ike-Okafor Newsum (H.E. Newsum)  
Chair

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