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Dear Dean Lindemann:

This letter is a request to revise the major and minor requirements of the Department of African and Afro-American Studies effective fall term 2013. We also request a change of name for the unit to the Department of African, African American and Diaspora Studies, effective July 1, 2013 for personnel and budget actions, and effective fall term 2013 for curricular affairs. We think that both of these proposed changes accurately reflect the growth of department's faculty and the direction in which we are headed.

Revision of major requirements

An important aspect of the curriculum revision is the establishment of AAAD as the department's subject code, replacing AFAM and AFRI. (Language subject codes remain unchanged.) A single subject code signals to students that we view the fields of African and African American and Diaspora studies as imbricated.

To accommodate the single subject code we have renumbered the department's course offerings in the following manner for all courses numbered 100 and above:

- Courses ending in 00 to 29: African studies
- Courses ending in 30 to 59: African American studies
- Courses ending in 60 to 84: African Diaspora outside the U.S.
- Courses ending in 85 to 99: Courses that cross geography; dedicated courses whose numbers are reserved by the College, such as independent studies and internships.

As it is currently constituted, our department offers the B.A. in African and Afro-American Studies; students choose one of two concentrations: African Studies or Afro-American Studies. We propose to keep this structure; that is, there will be a single B.A. in African, African American, and Diaspora Studies, and students will choose between a concentration in African Studies and a concentration in African American and Diaspora Studies. The requirements for each concentration of the major are adumbrated in the succeeding paragraphs. The courses that all students majoring in AAAD must take in common create an intellectual framework for understanding the interplay among Africa, African America, and other parts of the Diaspora.

The major in African, African American, and Diaspora Studies will be ten courses (see chart). First-year seminars and other courses numbered below 100 do not count toward the major. Students in both concentrations will take three courses in common:

- AAAD 101 – Introduction to African Studies
- AAAD 130 – Introduction to African American and Diaspora Studies
- AAAD 487 – Intellectual Currents in African and African Diaspora Studies, the focus of which is the works of important African and Diaspora writers and thinkers, and their interplay.

Majors will also take AAAD 395 (Undergraduate Research Seminar) in their respective concentrations. (With the permission of the instructor and the DUS, a student may take this seminar in the other concentration.) The exact topic will vary according to the instructor's interests. The emphasis in this course will be research skills, which will also vary according to the expertise of the faculty member teaching the course; put another way, the course will be a disciplinary investigation into a topic relevant to the fields of African or African American and Diaspora studies.

Of the remaining six courses, the following rules apply:

- One course must be from outside the student's major concentration. That is, majors concentrating in African studies must take a course whose last two digits are from 30 to 99, while majors in the African American and Diaspora concentration must take a course whose last two digits are from 00 to 29 or from 85 to 99.
- Two courses must be numbered above 399.
- One course may come from a list of courses outside the department, which will be reviewed and updated annually.

For Academic Year 2013-2014 the following courses from outside the department will count toward the major concentrations:

- African Studies Concentration: ART 155; ART 255; ANTH 238; FREN 505; GEOG 268; HIST 130; HIST 301; HIST 535; PORT 385; WMST 237; WMST 289; WMST 293
- African American and Diaspora Concentration: ANTH 130; COMM 437; COMM 662; DRAM 287; ENGL 367; ENGL 368; ENGL 369; ENGL 472; ENGL 589; HIST 378; HIST 380; PHIL 274; POLI 274; POLI 419; PSYC 467; RELI 580; SOCI 444; WMST 285; WMST 553

On the next page is a chart of the new proposed major requirements:

<i>AFRICAN STUDIES CONCENTRATION</i>	<i>CORE REQUIREMENTS ALL AAAD MAJORS</i>	<i>AFRICAN AMERICAN & DIASPORA STUDIES CONCENTRATION</i>
	<i>AAAD 101:</i> Introduction to African Studies <i>AAAD 130:</i> Introduction to African American & Diaspora Studies	
<i>Six Courses</i> (One of which may come from an approved list of courses from other departments)		<i>Six Courses</i> (One of which may come from an approved list of courses from other departments)
<i>As many as three African studies courses numbered between 100-129, 200-229, and 300-329</i>	<i>AAAD 395:</i> Undergraduate Research Seminar (students take the seminar in their concentration; with the permission of the instructor and the DUS, a student may take this seminar in the other concentration)	<i>As many as three African American & Diaspora Studies courses numbered 130-184, 230-284, and 330-384.</i>
<i>At least two courses numbered 400-429</i>		<i>At least two courses numbered 430-484</i>
<i>One African American, Diaspora, or transnational course numbered 130-199, 230-299, 330-399, 430-499</i>	<i>AAAD 487:</i> Intellectual Currents in African and African Diaspora Studies	<i>One African studies or transnational course numbered 100-129, 185-199, 200-229, 285-299, 300-329, 385-399, 400-429, 485-499</i>

The requirements for the minor and plans for handling the transition for students who have already started the major or minor are on the next page.

Minor Requirements

The department will offer two minors: African Studies and African American and Diaspora Studies.

- Students minoring in African Studies will take AAAD 101 and four additional AAAD courses at or above the 100 level whose last two digits are from 00 to 29 and African studies courses whose last two digits are from 85 to 99.
- Students minoring in African American and Diaspora Studies will take AAAD 130 and four additional AAAD courses at or above the 100 level whose last two digits are from 30 to 84 and African American and Diaspora studies courses whose last two digits are from 85 to 99.

Transition plan for majors concentrating in African studies

Students who are in the process of completing their concentration in African studies at the time the new requirements go into effect can make the following course substitutions:

- For AFAM 101, substitute AAAD 130
- For AFRI 101, substitute AAAD 101
- For AFAM/AFRI 474, substitute AAAD 485 or AAAD 487
- For AFRI 600, substitute AAAD 419 or AAAD 395
- For one regional seminar, substitute any AAAD course numbered 300-329 or 400-429
- For five AFRI courses, substitute five AAAD courses numbered 100-129, 200-229, 300-329, or 400-429, at least one of which must be numbered 400-249

Transition plan for majors concentrating in Afro-American studies

Students who are in the process of completing their concentration in African studies at the time the new requirements go into effect can make the following course substitutions:

- For AFAM 101, substitute AAAD 130
- For AFAM 102, substitute AAAD 231 or any other AAAD course numbered 230-284
- For AFAM 398, substitute AAAD 395
- For AFAM/AFRI 474 substitute AAAD 485 or AAAD 487
- For AFRI 101, substitute AAAD 101
- For five AFAM courses, including courses cross-listed with other units, with at least one being numbered 400 or above, substitute five courses numbered 130-184, 230-284, 330-384, or 430-484, with at least one course numbered 430-484.

Transition plan for minors in African studies

- For AFRI 101, substitute AAAD 101
- For four additional courses
 - For List A, substitute as many as four AAAD courses numbered X00-X29 and African studies courses whose last two digits are from 85 to 99, one of which must be at the 400-level.
 - We will continue to accept up to two courses from List B, with the exception of HIST 479, which is no longer a course on Africa.

Transition plan for minors in Afro-American studies

Under the minor requirements now in place, students must take AFAM 101, AFAM 102, and AFRI 101, plus two AFAM courses.

- For AFAM 101, substitute AAAD 130
- For AFAM 102, substitute AAAD 231 or any other AAAD course numbered 230-284
- For AFRI 101, substitute AAAD 101
- For two additional AFAM courses, substitute two courses numbered 130-184, 230-284, 330-384, or 430-484.

On the next page is a summary of the major and minor requirements as it would appear in the Undergraduate Bulletin.

Thank you very much for working with us to develop and approve the new major and minor requirements for the new Department of African, African American, and Diaspora Studies.

Sincerely,



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**B.A. Major in African, African American, and Diaspora Studies:
Concentration in African Studies**

Core Requirements:

- AAAD 101
- AAAD 130
- AAAD 487
- AAAD 395 (African studies concentration)
- Six additional courses apportioned in the following way:
 - One African American and Diaspora studies, or transnational course numbered AAAD 130-199, AAAD 230-299, AAAD 330-399, or AAAD 430-499
 - As many as three AAAD courses numbered between 100-129, 200-229, and 300-329
 - At least two courses numbered AAAD 400-429
 - One course may come from this list, so long as students still take two courses at or above the 400 level in the African Studies concentration: ART 155; ART 255; ANTH 238; FREN 505; GEOG 268; HIST 130; HIST 301; HIST 535; PORT 385; WMST 237; WMST 289; WMST 293



**B.A. Major in African, African American, and Diaspora Studies:
Concentration in African American and Diaspora Studies**

Core Requirements:

- AAAD 101
- AAAD 130
- AAAD 487
- AAAD 395 (African American and Diaspora studies concentration)
- Six additional courses apportioned in the following way:
 - One African studies or transnational course numbered AAAD 100-129, AAAD 185-199, AAAD 200-229, AAAD 285-299, AAAD 300-329, AAAD 385-399, AAAD 400-429, or AAAD 485-499.
 - As many as three AAAD courses numbered between 130-184, 230-284, and 330-384
 - At least two courses numbered AAAD 430-484
 - One course may come from this list, so long as students still take two courses at or above the 400 level in the African American and Diaspora Studies concentration: ANTH 130; COMM 437; COMM 662; DRAM 287; ENGL 367; ENGL 368; ENGL 369; ENGL 472; ENGL 589; HIST 378; HIST 380; PHIL 274; POLI 274; POLI 419; PSYC 467; RELI 580; SOCI 444; WMST 285; WMST 553

Minoring in African Studies

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Minoring in African American and Diaspora Studies:

Students minoring in African American and Diaspora Studies will take AAAD 130 and four additional AAAD courses at or above the 100 level whose last two digits are from 30 to 84 and African American and Diaspora studies courses whose last two digits are from 85 to 99.