Department of Pan-African Studies

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- African Studies
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- Kumah-Abiwu, Felix (2015), Assistant Professor
- Okantah, Mwatabu S. (1991), Associate Professor, B.A., Kent State University, 1976
- Temu, M.L. Nambuo (1974), Assistant Professor, Ph.D., Kent State University, 1976
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Pan-African Studies (PAS)
PAS 10101 ELEMENTARY KISWAHILI I  4 Credit Hours
This course is an introduction to Kiswahili in which students will learn the essentials of speaking, reading and writing the most extensively used language in East Africa.
Prerequisite: None.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 4 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PAS 10102 ELEMENTARY KISWAHILI II  4 Credit Hours
Continuation of PAS 10101, aimed at advancing student knowledge and communication skills in Kiswahili by introducing Kiswahili literature, short narratives, proverbs, folktales.
Prerequisite: PAS 10101.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 4 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PAS 15200 INTRODUCTION TO WEST AFRICAN CULTURES  3 Credit Hours
Drawing on history, literature and social anthropology, students learn key events and places in W. Africa from the 9th century to the 19th century, covering the Trans-Atlantic Slave trade and the development of long distance networks, including Andalusian Spain, the trans-Saharan trade, the expulsion of Jews and Moors from Spain, state formation in W. Africa, and the role of Saharan–Savannah relations in the expansion of the Atlantic Slave Trade and the movement of European and African peoples to the Americas. The development of this Atlantic world assured the economic centrality of W. Europe and eventually the US, due to the immense transfer of labor and skills from W. Africa.
Prerequisite: None.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PAS 20001 INTRODUCTION TO PAN-AFRICAN STUDIES  3 Credit Hours
This course uses an interdisciplinary approach to introduce students to the discipline and field of Pan-African Studies. Using primary source materials from literature, film and various art forms, students will be exposed to concepts, critical issues, events and major thinkers that have shaped the global Black world. Emphasis will be placed on the relationship between Peoples of African descent, Latin and Indigenous Peoples. Selected course materials represent the ways in which Peoples of African descent have demonstrated resiliency, activism and agency.
Prerequisite: None.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PAS 20101 KISWAHILI III  3 Credit Hours
Continuation of Kiswahili II, aimed at developing knowledge competence and recognition of Kiswahili usage in all forms of Kiswahili literature.
Prerequisite: PAS 20102.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PAS 20102 KISWAHILI IV  3 Credit Hours
Continuation of Kiswahili III, aimed at developing knowledge, competence and recognition of Kiswahili usage in all forms of Kiswahili literature.
Prerequisite: PAS 20101.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PAS 20200 RECOVERING THE PAST: KENT TO MEMPHIS (ELR)  3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: None.
Schedule Type: Field Experience, Lecture
Contact Hours: 2 lecture, 1 other
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Attributes: Experiential Learning Requirement
PAS 20300  BLACK IMAGES  3 Credit Hours
Examines the historical origins of racial images and anti-black perceptions through newspapers, magazines, songs, plays, literature, textbooks, radio, television, films, comic books, etc. and the role of these images in American culture past and present.
Prerequisite: None.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PAS 22000  CREATIVE WRITING IN THE BLACK WORLD  3 Credit Hours
Explores the major aesthetic and cultural issues that have historically shaped creative writing in the black world and begins by exploring the African Griot tradition. Students learn about the African-American tradition in literature as an organic part of the larger Pan-African world. Students are expected to write, perform, critique and produce original works in the modes and performance styles of the global African world.
Prerequisite: ENG 11011 or HONR 10197.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PAS 22101  AFRICAN AMERICAN VISUAL ARTISTS  3 Credit Hours
An Afrocentric survey of visual and aural artistry, course examines cultural context and perspectives, mediums of expression, form, style, content and patronage of African American artists from 1800.
Prerequisite: None.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PAS 22200  INTRODUCTION TO THE AFRICAN ARTS  3 Credit Hours
Investigation of function of creative forms of artistic expression particular to experiences of Pan-African community at home and abroad.
Prerequisite: None.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PAS 23000  BLACK EXPERIENCE I: BEGINNINGS TO 1865 (DIVG) (KHUM)  3 Credit Hours
Study and analysis of the African experience prior to, and following the arrival of Africans in the New World. Emphasis on North and South America, Africa and Caribbean.
Prerequisite: None.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Attributes: Diversity Global, Kent Core Humanities, Transfer Module Humanities

PAS 23002  BLACK EXPERIENCE II: 1865 TO PRESENT (DIVD) (KHUM)  3 Credit Hours
Covers the Black Experience from 1865 to the present, including events, ideas and persons in Africa, North and South America, and the Caribbean.
Prerequisite: None.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Attributes: Diversity Domestic, Kent Core Humanities, Transfer Module Humanities

PAS 23095  SPECIAL TOPICS IN PAN-AFRICAN LITERATURE AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS  1-4 Credit Hours
(Repeatable for a maximum of 6 credit hours) Introduction to a current and specialized topic in Pan-African Literature and/or communication skills.
Prerequisite: None.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 1-4 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PAS 23310  NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES  3 Credit Hours
Study and analysis of Native American history, sovereignty and civil rights. Ensures an understanding of self-determination in the context of colonization, decolonization and neocolonization, through the use of Native American literature, philosophy, politics and other cultural outlets. Being that we all live in a broader community, students also examine historical and contemporary relationships with the African American community and other ethnic communities in the US.
Prerequisite: None.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PAS 24407  CARIBBEAN STUDIES (DIVG)  3 Credit Hours
Focus on people of African descent in the West Indies and their way of life for the cultural contributions made to Pan-African communities.
Prerequisite: None.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Attributes: Diversity Global

PAS 25200  EAST AFRICAN-KISWAHILI CULTURES  3 Credit Hours
Students learn about the relationship between the Kiswahili language and the cultures of East African peoples, especially those in Malawi, Mozambique, Zaire, Zambia and Zimbabwe. This includes geographical, historical and sociological perspectives and an analysis of common cultural elements (music, literature, proverbs).
Prerequisite: None.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Attributes: Diversity Global

PAS 26000  THE LEGACY OF SLAVERY  3 Credit Hours
Examines the legacy of slavery through literature about the Reconstruction and Jim Crow periods; the writings of Douglass, Washington, DuBois and Garvey; the impact of slavery on modern African American culture; and an investigation of the reparations issue.
Prerequisite: None.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PAS 26010  THE BLACK REVOLUTION  3 Credit Hours
Under the umbrella of Afrocentrism, this course examines black revolutionary thought in the U.S. from historical, political, sociological and philosophical perspectives; beginning with the advent of the slave trade, it emphasizes the tools, dynamics and strategies used to ensure the success of the black revolution, which is depicted as still ongoing today and having many implications and ramifications for the future.
Prerequisite: None.
Schedule Type: Lecture
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PAS 33110  THE BLACK WOMAN:HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES (DIVD)  3 Credit Hours
Course surveys the experiences of African-American women throughout various periods of history, and their roles in shaping the social, economic, political and cultural development of societies.
Prerequisite: Sophomore standing.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Attributes: Diversity Domestic

PAS 33120  THE BLACK MAN: HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES  3 Credit Hours
Focuses on various roles of the African American man within the context of the African experience and the African diaspora.
Prerequisite: None.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PAS 33130  GENDER AND SEXUALITY IN AFRICA AND THE AFRICAN DIASPORA  3 Credit Hours
Using lectures, videos, discussions, readings and application this course explores ways in which gender and sexuality in Africa and the African Diaspora have and can be constructed, performed, articulated and researched. Attention is also paid to the existence of LGBTQ identities within the global black community.
Prerequisite: None.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PAS 33171  THE AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY (DIVD)  3 Credit Hours
Explores problems of African-American communities: public administration, transportation, health, public finance, crime and justice, geography, black/demography and education.
Prerequisite: Sophomore standing.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Attributes: Diversity Domestic

PAS 33200  ANCIENT AFRICAN CIVILIZATIONS  3 Credit Hours
Examines the history of ancient African civilizations and their contributions to world history.
Prerequisite: None.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PAS 33310  LATINOS, THE AFRICAN DIASPORA AND AMERICAN SOCIETY (DIVD)  3 Credit Hours
Introduction to Latino minorities. Focus on Mexican-Americans, Puerto Ricans and Cubans and African influences on Latino culture.
Prerequisite: None.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Attributes: Diversity Domestic

PAS 34000  INTRODUCTION TO AFRICAN WORLD VIEW (DIVG)  3 Credit Hours
Investigates traditional African cosmological world views and aesthetics in global Africa. Students who do not have prerequisites may request permission from instructor.
Prerequisite: PAS 23001 or PAS 23002.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Attributes: Diversity Global

PAS 34100  ISLAMIC WEST AFRICA  3 Credit Hours
Familiarizes students with the cultural and historical specificities of Islamic communities in West Africa. Beginning with the introduction of Islam into West Africa in the eighth century, this course takes a multi-disciplinary point of view and covers contemporary political issues as well as historical topics. Students are provided the analytical tools and documentation to understand contemporary religious issues in West Africa and the diversity in expression of thought and practice of Islamic West Africa.
Prerequisite: Sophomore standing.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PAS 34200  BLACK MUSIC REVISITED  3 Credit Hours
This is a survey course in the appreciation of, as well as an investigation into, that Great Black Tradition in Music. Students explore contemporary Black music from Africa into the New World and consider African world music from the Blues, Gospel, Jazz to Bebop, Rhythm & Blues, Hip Hop and Afro-Beat to Reggae. Students also learn the significance of local and individual artists.
Prerequisite: PAS 23001 or PAS 23002.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PAS 35100  BLACK SOCIAL AND POLITICAL THOUGHT  3 Credit Hours
Study of the history and nature of social and political thought of African Americans including an overview of various movements and individuals, as well as their strategies and tactics, in the struggle for social change in the U.S. as it relates to black people.
Prerequisite: Junior standing.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PAS 35200  AFRICAN SOCIAL AND POLITICAL SYSTEMS  3 Credit Hours
An African-centered focus on traditional African institutions as these interact with the Jihad Movements, Western European incursion, the slave trade, colonialism, independence movements and contemporary issues.
Prerequisite: Junior standing.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
PAS 37000  ORAL AND WRITTEN DISCOURSES IN PAN-AFRICAN STUDIES (WIC)  3 Credit Hours
Examines the spoken and written English of African-Americans with some emphasis on mastering consensus English writing skills required in upper-division PAS courses.
Prerequisite: ENG 21011 or HONR 10297.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Attributes: Writing Intensive Course

PAS 37001  THEORETICAL APPROACHES TO PAN-AFRICAN STUDIES  3 Credit Hours
A critical analysis of the diverse approaches to and underlying principles of Pan-African Studies.
Prerequisite: Sophomore standing.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PAS 37100  RESEARCH METHODS IN PAN-AFRICAN STUDIES (ELR)  3 Credit Hours
This course will expose students to the basic components of research methods in Pan-African studies utilizing multidisciplinary approaches.
Prerequisite: PAS 37000 and PAS 37001.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter-IP
Attributes: Experiential Learning Requirement

PAS 37200  AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMEN'S LITERATURE  3 Credit Hours
(Cross-listed with ENG 33014) Introduces students to literary works by African-American women.
Prerequisite: ENG 11011 or HONR 10197.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PAS 37220  AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMEN'S LITERATURE  3 Credit Hours
(Cross-listed with ENG 33014) Introduces students to literary works by African-American women.
Prerequisite: ENG 11011 or HONR 10197.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PAS 40001  CULTURAL EXPRESSIONS II  3 Credit Hours
This course continues Cultural Expressions I in greater depth and sophistication: Exploration of African creative endeavors and cultures through traditionally integrated forms of music, dance and song. Some emphasis on the study of design, color and fashion merged with family, food and environment, as well as traditional African societies.
Prerequisite: None.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PAS 40120  CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN AFRICAN-AMERICAN EDUCATION  3 Credit Hours
This course examines the interrelationship of contemporary issues and the education of people of African descent.
Prerequisite: None.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PAS 41192  PRACTICUM IN AFRICAN AMERICAN AFFAIRS (ELR)  1-12 Credit Hours
(Repeatable for a maximum of 12 credit hours) Guided involvements in urban areas with large African-American populations to provide experience with community service, government agencies, public and private schools, non-profit organizations, etc.
Prerequisite: None.
Schedule Type: Practicum or Internship
Contact Hours: 3-36 other
Grade Mode: Standard Letter-IP
Attributes: Experiential Learning Requirement

PAS 43095  SPECIAL TOPICS IN PAN-AFRICAN LITERATURE, ARTS AND CULTURES  3 Credit Hours
(Repeatable for credit) Broadens upper division offerings in holistic study and performance in Pan-African literatures, arts and cultures.
Prerequisite: None.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PAS 43100  RACE, CLASS AND FEMINIST THOUGHT  3 Credit Hours
Explores issues of race, class and gender though the lens of Black women and feminists of color.
Prerequisite: Junior standing.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
PAS 43200  MALCOLM AND MARTIN  3 Credit Hours
A critical study of the major ideas and doctrines, including religious and theological beliefs, of Malcolm X and Martin L. King and their roles in American history.
Prerequisite: Junior standing.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PAS 43395  SPECIAL TOPICS IN AFRICAN DIASPORA STUDIES  3 Credit Hours
(Repeatable for a maximum of 12 credit hours) Study of selected topics related to people of African descent outside of the African continent including, but not limited to the Americas and Europe.
Prerequisite: None.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PAS 44095  SPECIAL TOPICS IN CONTEMPORARY AFRICA  3 Credit Hours
(Repeatable for a total of 12 credit hours when topic varies) Study of selected topics related to contemporary Africa.
Prerequisite: None.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PAS 47091  SENIOR SEMINAR IN PAN-AFRICAN STUDIES (WIC)  3 Credit Hours
Students prepare a capstone portfolio of their work to be presented to PAS faculty and develop individual topical PAS research papers for presentation before departmental faculty, students and general public.
Prerequisite: PAS 37010.
Schedule Type: Seminar
Contact Hours: 3 other
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Attributes: Writing Intensive Course

PAS 47095  SPECIAL TOPICS IN THEORETICAL AND APPLIED RESEARCH  3 Credit Hours
(Repeatable for a maximum of 12 credit hours) Selected topics in the intellectual, cultural, political and historical development of Pan-Africanism, its diverse theoretical approaches and multiple applications including the Organization of African Unity.
Prerequisite: None.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PAS 49093  VARIABLE TITLE WORKSHOP IN PAS  2-6 Credit Hours
(Repeatable for credit)
Prerequisite: Special approval.
Schedule Type: Workshop
Contact Hours: 2-6 other
Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory

PAS 49095  SELECTED TOPICS  2,3 Credit Hours
(Repeatable for credit) Scheduled topic announced. Intended to encourage further study in areas not treated adequately in standard courses. Offered irregularly by available or visiting faculty.
Prerequisite: None.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 2-3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter-IP