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• Pan-African Studies - B.A.

Minors

• African Studies
• Pan-African Studies

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• Barnes, Alene (1982), Associate Professor, Ph.D., State University of
  New York at Buffalo, 1980
• Garrison, George (1995), Professor, Ph.D., State University of New
  York at Buffalo, 1976
• Gooden, Amoaba (2006), Associate Professor and Department Chair,
  Ph.D., Temple University, 2005
• Kumah-Abiwu, Felix (2015), Assistant Professor
• Okantah, Mwatabu S. (1991), Associate Professor, B.A., Kent State
  University, 1976
• Syed, Idris K. (1991), Lecturer, M.Ed., Kent State University, 2001
• Temu, M.L. Nambuo (1974), Assistant Professor, Ph.D., Kent State
  University, 1976
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  University, 1976

Pan-African Studies (PAS)

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 20101 KISWAHILI III 3 Credit Hours
Continuation of Kiswahtili II, aimed at developing knowledge competence
and recognition of Kiswahtili usage in all forms of Kiswahtili literature.
Prerequisite: PAS 10102.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PAS 20102 KISWAHILI IV 3 Credit Hours
Continuation of Kiswahtili III, aimed at developing knowledge, competence
and recognition of Kiswahtili usage in all forms of Kiswahtili 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
Examines relevance of John Brown, Frederick Loudin and Fisk Jubilee
Singers, and Ida B. Wells anti-lynching campaign today. Students travel to
local Brown and Loudin sites, Harper’s Ferry and Memphis.
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 23001 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 CULTURE 3 Credit Hours
Introduces American Indian culture, sovereignty and civil rights. Ensures an understanding of self-determination in the context of the colonization and decolonization process, through the use of American Indian 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 24500 JAZZ IMAGINES AFRICA 3 Credit Hours
Students learn how to listen to jazz by exploring cultural and musical elements and gain an understanding of raw musical materials from West Africa, how they arrived in the western hemisphere through the "cultural memory" of Africans in bondage, and how those elements blended with materials from European music to inspire the development of jazz. Students also explore Caribbean "bush reggae," a precursor to what became reggae, which contains some of the same root elements as jazz.
Prerequisite: none.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

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

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 30010  AFRICAN AND AFRICAN-AMERICAN PHILOSOPHIES (DIVD)  
3 Credit Hours  
(Cross-listed with PHIL 31070) Exploration of philosophical issues in African and African-American or Black thought systems. Topics may include the examination of the existence of a Black philosophy, the nature of traditional African knowledge, beliefs about personhood, the basis and rationality of witchcraft or other metaphysical beliefs, communalism, the nature of Black moral and aesthetic values, and contemporary analysis of race, racism, slavery, civil rights, pan-Africanism, and criticisms of colonialism, Black development, democratic governance and social policies regarding Blacks. Students with Junior standing or above, who have not taken a Philosophy (PHIL) course, should contact the department for a prerequisite override.  
Prerequisite: One course in Philosophy (PHIL).  
Schedule Type: Lecture  
Contact Hours: 3 lecture  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
Attributes: Diversity Domestic  

PAS 30310  BLACK HOLLYWOOD  3 Credit Hours  
Examines the complexities of race relations in the film industry and the need for "Hollywood" and Black filmmakers to create films for mainstream audiences with a multitude of themes from the African American experience in America and around the world.  
Prerequisite: none.  
Schedule Type: Lecture  
Contact Hours: 3 lecture  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  

PAS 30311  HIP HOP. THE SOCIAL, POLICIAL AND ECONOMIC INFLUENCES  3 Credit Hours  
Examines the social, political and economic influences of and on Hip-hop and analyzes the historical and current relationships between Hip-hop and mainstream America, including the role that corporate America has played. In-depth history of the culture and major pioneers and contributors.  
Prerequisite: None.  
Schedule Type: Lecture  
Contact Hours: 3 lecture  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  

PAS 31092  PRACTICUM IN AFRICAN THEATRE ARTS (ELR)  3-6 Credit Hours  
(Repeatable for a maximum of 12 credit hours)Exposes students to fundamental techniques of stage through auditory, visual and physical participation. (Students are evaluated in performance and related theater activities.)  
Prerequisite: none.  
Schedule Type: Practicum or Internship  
Contact Hours: 3-6 other  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
Attributes: Experiential Learning Requirement  

PAS 32001  AFRICAN-AMERICAN LITERATURE TO 1900  3 Credit Hours  
(Cross-listed with ENG 33010) Study of African-American literature from its beginning to 1900, including such writers as Wheatley, J. Hammon, Terry, B. Hammon, Jones, Marrant, Allen, Hall, Walker, Truth, Garnet, Douglass, Delany, Harper, Stewart, Turner, Jacobs, Keckley, Brown, Wilson, Griggs, Chensnut and Dunbar.  
Prerequisite: ENG 21011 or HONR 10297.  
Schedule Type: Lecture  
Contact Hours: 3 lecture  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  

PAS 32002  MODERN AFRICAN-AMERICAN LITERATURE  3 Credit Hours  
Study of African-American literature from the early twentieth century to the present. The authors include Toomer, Hughes, Larsen, Wright, Baldwin, Hansberry, Jones, Lorde, Walker, Morrison, Mosley, Youngblood and Carter.  
Prerequisite: ENG 21011 or HONR 10297.  
Schedule Type: Lecture  
Contact Hours: 3 lecture  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  

PAS 32050  AFRICAN LITERATURES (DIVG)  3 Credit Hours  
(Cross-listed with ENG 33015) Examines works of major 20th-century African, African American and Caribbean writers and intellectuals. Authors include Niane, Achebe, Emecheta, Prince, Hurston, Hughes, Cesaire, Senghor, Soyinka and many others.  
Prerequisite: ENG 11011 or HONR 10197.  
Schedule Type: Lecture  
Contact Hours: 3 lecture  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
Attributes: Diversity Global  

PAS 33100  AFRICAN AMERICAN FAMILY IN HISTORICAL CONTEXTS  3 Credit Hours  
Examines social, political, cultural and historical factors that have influenced the development of African-American family organization, from African shores through the American experience.  
Prerequisite: none.  
Schedule Type: Lecture  
Contact Hours: 3 lecture  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
Attributes: Diversity Domestic  

PAS 33101  AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY: SLAVERY TO FREEDOM  
3 Credit Hours  
(Cross-listed with HIST 31080) Survey of African American history form the colonial period to 1877. Course provides a general knowledge of the political and cultural history of African Americans from colonial times to the end of the Reconstruction.  
Prerequisite: none.  
Schedule Type: Lecture  
Contact Hours: 3 lecture  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  

PAS 33102  AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY: RECONSTRUCTION TO THE PRESENT  
3 Credit Hours  
(Cross-listed with HIST 31081) Survey of African American history from 1877 to the present. Course provides a general knowledge of social, political and cultural history of African Americans from the end of the Reconstruction to the present.  
Prerequisite: PAS 33101 or HIST 31080.  
Schedule Type: Lecture  
Contact Hours: 3 lecture  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  

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 33508 THE CARIBBEAN: QUEST FOR NATIONHOOD 3 Credit Hours
Introduces the quest for Nationhood and the rise of nationalism in the Caribbean. Highlights the pursuit of independence through the works of scholars, writers and artists.
Prerequisite: none.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

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
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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
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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
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<td>ORAL AND WRITTEN DISCOURSES IN PAN-AFRICAN STUDIES (WIC)</td>
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<td>Examines the spoken and written English of African-Americans with some</td>
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<td>emphasis on mastering consensus English writing skills required in</td>
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<td>THEORETICAL APPROACHES TO PAN-AFRICAN STUDIES</td>
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<td>A critical analysis of the diverse approaches to and underlying principles</td>
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<td>RESEARCH METHODS IN PAN-AFRICAN STUDIES (ELR)</td>
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<td>methods in Pan-African studies utilizing multidisciplinary approaches.</td>
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<td>THE MODEL AFRICAN UNION (ELR)</td>
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<td>Students examine role, structure and performance of the African Union in</td>
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PAS 43300 AFRO-LATIN AMERICA 3 Credit Hours
(Cross-listed with HIST 42142, HIST 52142 and HIST 72142) Course focuses on the social, cultural and political life of the African population of Latin America, from 19th century slaves to shantytown dwellers of megacities such as Rio de Janeiro. Topics include black resistance to racism, race mixture in multicultural societies, and how employment, political participation and family organization empowered the lives of Afro-Latin women.
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 43395 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 44095 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

PAS 49096 INDIVIDUAL INVESTIGATION 1-3 Credit Hours
(Repeatable once for credit) Research in areas of interest not available in departmental courses. Approval by faculty member or chairperson necessary prior to registration.
Prerequisite: Junior or senior standing.
Schedule Type: Individual Investigation
Contact Hours: 1-3 other
Grade Mode: Standard Letter-IP