AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES CERTIFICATE

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The Certificate in African American Studies offers undergraduate students an excellent opportunity to develop a specialization in African-American issues while pursuing a major in another field. Certificate students learn about the social, economic, political and cultural history of the African-American people through a concentration of courses they plan with the AASD Academic Advisor. Courses taken toward the certificate also may be used to satisfy General Education requirements and electives.

Earning a Certificate in African American Studies gives students a competitive advantage in the job market by adding greater focus to their undergraduate experience.

Requirements

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- Students must earn a "C-" or above in each course applied toward the certificate.
- Students must have a minimum 2.0 cumulative grade point average across all courses used to satisfy the undergraduate certificate requirements.
- No more than 9 credit hours applied towards a major may be counted for the certificate.
- No more than 9 credit hours may be taken at institutions other than UMD.

For more information, or to apply, please call the African American Studies Department at 301-405-1158. The AASD office is located in 1119 Taliaferro Hall.