

REPORT FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

University Senate Committee: Academic Policies Committee

Brief History of Issue - why the issue is being considered:

The Department of History is proposing a credit bearing certificate in Africana Studies. This 12-credit certificate requires one course in the Department of History. The remaining 9 credits will be chosen from courses that focus centrally on Black experiences. The target audience is anyone interested in Africana studies. The certificate will give students a more cohesive way of approaching the study of African, African Diaspora, and especially African American experiences. For the university, it promotes a more welcoming environment for students of color and is consistent with EDI efforts more broadly.

Points Discussed by Committee:

1. All courses are already offered on a frequent basis and have capacity for students.
2. Faculty workload concerns.
3. If growth in certificate program exist, Department of History would consider creating an Africana Studies minor.

Pros of Recommendation:

Students in any field would benefit from understanding a more cohesive way of approaching the study of African, African Diasporic, and especially African American experiences.

Cons of Recommendation:

None

Technology/Human Resource Impact:

None

Committee Recommendation:

The committee recommends approval of the credit bearing certificate in: Africana Studies to be administered by the Department of History.

MOTION FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

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by a vote of 9 for to 0 against on November 6, 2018 (Date)

Recommends that:

The Department of History will offer a credit bearing certificate: Certificate in Africana Studies starting with the 2019/20 AY

Implementation Date: 19/20 catalog

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair of the Committee

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