African American Studies Certificate Program Application Instructions

Application Submission

Thank you for your interest in the Graduate Certificate in African American Studies. This application requires the submission of four primary documents:

1. Completed application form (including prior course considerations and justification statements, if any)
2. Copy of unofficial transcript (from UIowa or, if a new UI student, transcript from degree earned just prior to enrollment at Iowa)
3. Personal statement
4. Recommendation letter. We prefer that the letter accompany your completed application, however, recommendations sent under separate cover will be accepted if need be.

All application materials should be submitted electronically (in pdf format) to afam-studies@uiowa.edu or jessica-welburn@uiowa.edu. Electronic format is preferred, but paper applications are also acceptable. Please send via campus mail to Jessica Welburn Paige (400D North Hall).

Application Deadline

Applications for the certificate program will be considered by the African American Studies Graduate Steering Committee once per semester.

Fall Application Deadline: November 30th (for program start the following spring semester)

Spring Application Deadline: March 15th (for program start the following summer or fall semester)

These deadlines are firm, so please make a note of them.

If you have questions or concerns regarding the application process, please contact the African-American Studies DGS.

Certificate Website: https://clas.uiowa.edu/afam/graduate-certificate-african-american-studies
**Application for the Iowa Graduate Certificate in African American Studies Program**

Applicant Name: _______________________________________________________________

Mailing Address:  _______________________________________________________________

Phone Number:  ______________________ Email: _______________________________

Current Area of Study: _______________________________________________________________

Current Level of Graduate Study: _____ Masters   _____ Doctoral   (select one)

Current Degree GPA:  _____________  Proposed Certificate Start Semester ______________

Anticipated Completion Date of Your Current Grad Degree: ___________________________________

**Prior Coursework That You Want to Be Considered in Satisfying Certificate Requirements:** 1. Please list course number, full course title and professor here. 2. In a brief 200 word (or less) written statement, explain both the nature of the course content and how it directly connects to the field of African-American Studies.

1. _______________________________________________________________________________

2. _______________________________________________________________________________

3. _______________________________________________________________________________

4. _______________________________________________________________________________

**Requested Documents**

1. Please include an unofficial copy of your academic transcript of all coursework completed at UIowa

2. In a written statement of 250 words (minimum), please address the following question:

   “How do you believe the graduate certificate in African-American studies will complement the graduate work you are completing in your major area of study?”

3. One letter of recommendation from an Iowa faculty member (or, in the case of new Iowa students, a faculty member at prior institution) that is familiar with you as a student and endorses your application for admission into the Af-Am Graduate Certificate program. This letter should speak directly to your intellectual aptitude, sense of work ethic and the recommender’s direct experiences in working with you.