















# AFRICANA STUDIES B.A.

## +GLOBAL DISTINCTION

### MAJOR ACADEMIC PLAN (MAP)

#### Sample Progression Plan

<p><b>Fall Semester 1</b> AAFS 101 <b>CH</b>, 142 <b>HU</b>, 219 <b>US</b>, 286 <b>IP</b>  (<b>Culture</b>), or 287 <b>IP</b>  (<b>Transnational</b>) Social Science Gen Ed <b>SS</b> Natural Science Gen Ed <b>NS</b> Elective <b>Foreign Language FL</b>  (You can start FL study in your 2<sup>nd</sup> year instead.)</p>	<p><b>Spring Semester 1</b> AAFS 101 <b>CH</b>, 142 <b>HU</b>, 219 <b>US</b>, 286 <b>IP</b>  (<b>Culture</b>), or 287 <b>IP</b>  (<b>Transnational</b>) Math &amp; Statistics Gen Ed <b>MS</b> Arts Gen Ed <b>AR</b> UUNI 110 <b>WCI</b> <b>Foreign Language</b> </p>	<p><b>Summer 1</b>  Consider coursework Look for a summer job in the area of your studies</p>
<p><b>Fall Semester 2</b> AAFS 101 <b>CH</b>, 142 <b>HU</b>, 219 <b>US</b>, 286 <b>IP</b>  (<b>Culture</b>), or 287 <b>IP</b>  (<b>Transnational</b>) Minor Course US History <b>US</b>, Challenges for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century <b>CH</b>, or Humanities Gen Ed <b>HU</b> (whichever remain) <b>Foreign Language</b>  Elective</p>	<p><b>Spring Semester 2</b> AAFS Elective, 200 level <b>AAFS 322</b>  (<b>Development</b>) as AAFS Elective, 300-400 level Minor Course <b>Foreign Language</b>  Prof Development/Elective</p>	<p><b>Summer 2</b>  Consider study abroad options Look for shadowing opportunities</p>
<p><b>Fall Semester 3</b> AAFS Elective, 200 level Minor Course US History <b>US</b>, Challenges for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century <b>CH</b>, or Humanities Gen Ed <b>HU</b> (whichever remain) Elective (more language?) Prof Development/Elective</p>	<p><b>Spring Semester 3</b> <b>Study Abroad!</b>  <b>IP</b> AAFS Elective AAFS Elective, 300-400 level Minor Course Elective (more language?) Prof Development/Elective <i>Study abroad in any semester or even for 1 year, with the approval of your Major and GD academic advisors.</i></p>	<p><b>Summer 3</b> <b>Intern/Research Abroad!</b>  (8-10 weeks) <i>Pro Tip: Why not declare the <b>International Studies Minor</b> to formally reflect study and interning abroad, or continue your language study and add a <b>Language Minor or Major</b>?</i></p>
<p><b>Fall Semester 4</b> AAFS 300-400 level AAFS 300-400 level Minor Course Elective (more language?) Elective</p>	<p><b>Spring Semester 4</b> <b>AAFS 490</b>  (<b>globally-oriented capstone project</b>) AAFS Elective, 300-400 level Minor Course Elective (more language) Prof Development/Elective</p>	<p><b>Congratulations!</b>  You have earned UAlbany's <b>Global Distinction!</b></p>

#### General Education Requirements, for students matriculating Fall 2014 and after:



<b>MS</b> Mathematics and Statistics	<b>SS</b> Social Sciences
<b>WCI</b> Writing and Critical Inquiry	<b>IP</b> International Perspectives
<b>AR</b> Arts	<b>US</b> U.S. Historical Perspectives
<b>HU</b> Humanities	<b>CH</b> Challenges for the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century
<b>NS</b> Natural Sciences	<b>FL</b> Foreign Language ( <i>one semester of collegiate study, or the equivalent, of a foreign language</i> )

#### Credit bearing Professional Development Options:

- RSSW 290, 291 and 390 – Community Service
- Research within major University
- Internship Departmental Internship
- Community Engaged Coursework
- Study Abroad
- Tutoring opportunities

NOTE: This is a suggested course sequence.

#### Global Distinction (GD) Course Categories:

-  UAlbany Gen Ed or Major requirement AND counts towards the GD (Global Distinction)!
-  Counts towards the GD AND your Electives AND may also count towards your Major, Minor or Gen Ed Requirements!

\*See the back of this sheet for more information about the Global Distinction.

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## What the Global Distinction Program can do for you!

Global Distinction is a new University at Albany Milestone (appearing on the bottom of your official transcript upon graduation) conferred upon students who complete a structured set of life-changing, international academic experiences that produce a globally competent graduate. Today's employers and graduate school programs seek students who have the right balance of disciplinary knowledge and real-world problem-solving skills. In today's highly globalized society, scientists, artists, employees, and small business owners all need to master inter-cultural communication skills. Global Distinction meets that need through

- 2 years (4 semesters) of **foreign language** acquisition or the equivalent in proficiency
- **Interdisciplinary, globally-oriented coursework**, including 1 course that includes a focus on
  - Culture-Area Studies or Inter-Cultural Competency (**Culture**)
  - International Development or Economics (**Development**)
  - International Relations, Migration, or Human Rights (**Transnational**)
  - a Capstone Research Project that is approached with a global lens (if your Major requires a research seminar/paper)
- **International immersion** via a **study abroad** semester and an 8-10 week summer **internship/research** opportunity

## You can graduate on time!

With the guidance of your academic advisors for your Major, Minor and the Global Distinction (GAP Director Dr. Annette Richie; email [arichie@albany.edu](mailto:arichie@albany.edu) for an appointment), you will find your "best fit" university for your study abroad semester and your summer internship or lab research placement. The "extra" language and interdisciplinary, globally-oriented coursework can be completed at UAlbany or abroad, or applied from your Transfer, Advanced Placement, and University in the High School courses. *Culture*, *Development* and *Transnational* courses can be found in various Majors and Minors and many fulfill Gen Ed requirements.

## The GD program is within your financial reach!

You can use financial aid and most UAlbany scholarships for studying and interning abroad as you are earning UAlbany credit! Global Distinction participants will be eligible for a **Flight Voucher**, to apply towards studying, interning, or researching abroad.

Global Academic Programs offers its own **scholarships**, including the World Within Reach Scholarship Fund and The Joan N. Savitt Scholarship for Study Abroad. Learn more at <http://www.albany.edu/studyabroad/scholarships-grants.php>. Jacqueline Ledermann, GAP Assistant Director, advises on external scholarship applications, such as the NSEP Boren Scholarship, the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship, and the Critical Language Scholarship. Some overseas universities that we partner with and nations also offer their own scholarships. Amounts and eligibility criteria vary.

## Study abroad in your Major at these UAlbany partner universities (these are just a few examples)!

**Cuba:** Autonomous University of Social Movements, "History, Politics and Culture of Cuba" (Havana)

**Dominican Republic:** Universidad Iberoamericana (UNIBE, Santo Domingo)

**Ireland:** National University of Ireland, Galway

**Israel:** University of Haifa (Haifa)

**Kenya:** United States International University (Nairobi)

**South Africa:** University of Cape Town (Cape Town)

**Trinidad and Tobago:** University of the West Indies, St. Augustine

**United Kingdom:** University of Aberdeen (Aberdeen, Scotland); University of Glasgow (Glasgow, Scotland); University of Hull (Kingston-on-Hull, England)

