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FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY PROGRAM PROPOSAL

New Accelerated Degree Pathway (Combined Bachelors/Masters, 4+1 pathway)

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International & Public Affairs

School/College _____

African and African Diaspora Studies

Div./Dept. _____

Accelerated (4+1 degree) Bachelor's/Master's Degree Pathway BA in Women's and Gender Studies/ MA in African and

Title: African Diaspora Studies

Spring 2022

Proposed Implementation Date: _____

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NEW ACCELERATED DEGREE (COMBINED BACHELORS/MASTERS) PATHWAY
PLEASE SUBMIT THIS FORM WITH YOUR PROPOSAL

Combined Bachelors/Masters Degree Pathway must comply with the following policy: Accelerated Bachelors/Masters Degree Pathway <https://policies.fiu.edu/files/902.pdf>

Please fill out the coversheet in its entirety.

The proposal must include the following elements:

- I. Rationale for New Accelerated Degree Pathway; expected number of students and documentation, community need/relevance
- II. Accelerated Degree Pathway description
- III. Required credits
- IV. Prescribed required courses and other requirements
- V. Proposed catalog copy

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1. Do all courses exist in the current catalog?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. If courses are not in the current catalog, are they proposed in the same Curriculum Committee Bulletin as this proposal?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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If yes, attach a separate sheet indicating each course number, name, Bulletin number and Bulletin date.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If the answers to 1, 2, and 3 are no, do not submit the proposal. Address the course issues first.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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6. Are all courses to be added taught in the same proposing department?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If the answer to #6 is no, do you have the written approval/acknowledgement of the other department(s)? The written approval(s)/acknowledgment(s) must be attached. (You must have written approval before submitting this document.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Accelerated (4+1 degree) Bachelor's/Master's Degree Pathway
**BA in Women's and Gender Studies/
MA in African and African Diaspora Studies**

I. Rationale for New Accelerated Degree Pathway

The M.A. degree in African & African Diaspora Studies provides interdisciplinary, graduate level education and prepares students to develop and employ theoretical, analytical, and methodological approaches to the research of critical issues pertaining to African America, the African and its diasporas. The objective of the M.A. program is to prepare scholars for professional positions in a range of fields and for further study at the Ph.D. level.

The M.A. degree can be taken either on-site or online. Multidisciplinary in scope and diverse in approach, the M.A. program in AADS is ideal for candidates interested in a wide array of subjects pertaining to African America, continental Africa and the African diaspora. These include: Social and Public Policy, Cultural Studies, International Relations, Gender and Sexuality Studies, Literary Study, History, Globalization Studies, Education, Religious Studies, Trans-Atlantic Studies, Critical Race Studies, Sociology, and Anthropology. AADS offers both a terminal M.A. and three combined M.A./Ph.D. programs in partnership with International Relations, Atlantic History, and Global & Sociocultural Studies.

These attract students from around the world interested in subjects that are geographically and disciplinarily diverse, including but by no means limited to: transnational policy analysis; African, African American and Caribbean history and culture; African environmental politics; transnational migrations; African and African diaspora nationalist struggles, and the Asian diasporas in Africa and the Caribbean. Our focus on African diaspora cultural studies facilitates research in Gender and Sexuality, Literatures, Popular Culture, and Religious syncretism. FIU's strong connections with Latin America and the Caribbean make it an ideal place to study Afro-Latin cultures, with a focus in these two regions. The M.A. degree prepares graduates for further study at the Ph.D. level, as well as for professional positions in the public, private, non-profit and international arenas and for employment in education, public policy, public administration, journalism, international organization and other fields.

The Program Improvement Plan submitted as the result of 2020's program review identified the following strategy: Bolster student recruitment into the M.A. by establishing a number of arrangements with targeted and selected programs and departments for the implementation of 4 plus 1 BA/MA programs consistent with strength of the program in complementing, supplementing, and enhancing training in disciplines and professions. CWGS asserts that creating an accelerated pathway program for students in the BA in Women's and Gender Studies with the MA in African and Africa Diaspora offers an ideal opportunity for their students who

are eager to engage in a more serious study of gendered disparities among local, national and transnational communities.

Students who earn the Accelerated (4+1) BA in WGS /MA in AADS Degree Pathway will be able to apply for doctoral programs post completion of the pathway degree. Graduates of the MA program have been successfully admitted to Ph.D. programs around the country, including Columbia's Mailman School of Public Health, Cornell, Howard University, U.C. Berkeley, and University of Texas, Austin. It is expected that completion of the pathway program will enhance students' prospects of admissions to the top programs across the country.

Given the increased attention in the SUS on employability post-graduation, students completing the Accelerated BA in Women's and Gender Studies/MA in African and African Diaspora Studies will bolster their marketability for careers in public relations; community urban planning; social services; as diversity consultants, cultural resources managers; philanthropic foundation work and civil service work.

We propose that a five-year Accelerated (4+1) BA in Women's and Gender Studies /MA African and African Diaspora Studies Degree Pathway will be very appealing to CWGS majors. While only 12% of students at FIU identify as African American/Black, 35% of students enrolled as WGS majors are African American/Black. In addition, many of our students of all racial and ethnic backgrounds are eager to study seriously the ways in which racial inequities shape gendered disparities among local, national and transnationally constructed communities. While AADS offers a graduate certificate, we do not currently offer a BA degree program. The BA in CWGS offers a logical next step for AADS students who are interested in racial and social justice and seek further interdisciplinary training.

The CWGS curriculum is complementary in structure to the Online MA in AADS. In the 2014-2015 academic year, the CWGS began to offer a fully online BA in Women's and Gender Studies. Moreover, enrollment in online courses among students has increased significantly. For example, online student enrollment in WST prefix courses increased from 459 students in 2014-2015 to 1957 students in 2018-2019. Therefore, we believe that enrollment in AADS's fully online MA degree program will continue to serve students who have demonstrated preference for this particular mode of instruction.

II. Accelerated (4+1) Degree Pathway Description

The Accelerated (4+1) BA in WGS /MA in AADS Degree Pathway provides students with an interdisciplinary, graduate level education and prepares them to develop and employ theoretical, analytical, and methodological approaches to the research of gendered issues pertaining to African Americans, Africa, and its diaspora. The objective of the Accelerated (4+1) BA/MA Degree

Pathway is to prepare scholars for professional positions in a range of fields and for further study at the Ph.D. level. Diverse in its appreciation of various methodologies, the Accelerated (4+1) Degree Pathway is ideal for candidates interested in applying an intersectional approach to the study of Africana and African diaspora experiences as they are examined in academic fields, including History, Cultural Studies, International Relations, Gender, Sexuality, and Queer Studies, Literary Studies, History, Education, Religious Studies, Trans-Atlantic Studies, Critical Race Studies, Sociology, Anthropology, and Public Policy. Moreover, the Accelerated (4+1) BA/MA Degree Pathway also equips students well for professional positions in the public, private, non-profit and international arenas and for employment in education, public policy, public administration, journalism, international organization and other fields.

III. Required Credits

120 credits for the undergraduate degree and 30 for the graduate degree. No more than 12 graduate credits will be double counted for the Bachelor's and Master's degrees.

IV. Prescribed Required Courses and Other Requirements

To be considered for admission to the Accelerated (4+1) BA/MA Degree Pathway, students must have completed 75 credits in the Bachelor's degree program in WGS.

Students may begin to apply to the Accelerated Degree Pathway at the end of their sophomore year. Students need only apply once to the Accelerated Degree Pathway, but the application must be submitted to Graduate Admissions before the student starts the last 30 credits of the Bachelor's degree program. Advisors can assist with this process.

A student admitted to the Accelerated (4+1) BA/MA Degree Pathway will be considered to have undergraduate status until the student applies for graduation from the WGS Bachelor degree program. Upon conferral of the Bachelor's degree, students will be granted graduate status and be eligible for graduate assistantships. Only 5000 level or higher courses with at least 50% gender studies content, and no more than four courses (12 credits), may be applied toward both degrees.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. Current enrollment in the Bachelor's degree program in Women's and Gender Studies.
2. Current GPA of 3.2 or higher
3. Students meet all other admissions criteria for the graduate degree program in AADS.
4. International graduate student applicants whose native language is not English are required to submit a score for the Test of English as a Foreign language (TOEFL) or for the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) A total score of 80 on the IBT TOEFL or 6.3 on the IETS is required.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

The FIU Bachelor's degree in Women's and Gender Studies must be awarded before the Master's degree in African and African Diaspora Studies.

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UPPER DIVISION REQUIREMENTS

I. Introductory Courses

(Select one from this list. May also be used as electives)

WST 3015* Introduction to Global Gender and Women's Studies – GL
WST 3106 Introduction to Global Diversity – GL
WST 3641* LGBT and Beyond: Non-Normative Sexualities in Global Perspective – GL +
WST 3644 Introduction to Transgender Studies
AMH 3560 History of Women in the U.S. (or any approved History elective)
ECS 3021* Women Culture and Economic Development – GL
REL 3145* Women and Religion
SOP 3742* Psychology of Women
SYD 3804* Sociology of Gender

II. Depth Courses

(Select one from this list. May Also be used as electives)

WST 3011 Understanding and Preventing Campus Sexual Assault
WST 3114/ INR 4931 Sex Trafficking Solutions – GL
WST 3120 Global Women's Writing – GL
WST 3710 Title IX: Sports, Sex and Equality on Campus
WST 4115 Gender Violence and the Law: Global Perspectives – GL
WST 4230/ LIT 4931 Women Write Empire
WST 4617 Gender and Genocide – GL
WST 4930* Special Topics (online availability depends on the topic)
WST 4931 Women in Leadership
POS 4072 Women in Politics
SOP 4774* Female Sexuality
WST 4504 Feminist Theory

III. Breadth Courses

(Select seven courses from this list of approved electives²)

²Below are some examples of our approved electives.

Every semester, a complete list of electives is available on our website at <http://cwgs.fiu.edu>

Electives must be chosen from at least 3 different disciplines (i.e., History, Anthropology, Art and Art History, Economics, English, Humanities, International Relations, Labor Studies, Modern Languages, Music, Philosophy, Political Science, Geography, Psychology, Religion, Sociology, Architecture, Business, Criminal Justice, and Social Work)

IV. Capstone

(Select one from this list. May also be used as electives)

WST 4905 Independent Study¹

WST 4940 Internship

(Must be approved by the director. Please visit our website at <http://cwgs.fiu.edu>) for eligibility criteria and application procedures.

¹ Off-campus, local, and international locations will be considered

* These courses are also available online.

Approved Electives in Women's and Gender Studies

AFA 4372 Race, Gender and Sexuality in Hip Hop – GL

AML 4300** Major American Writers

AML 4503 Periods in American Literature

AML 4606** Studies in 19th-Century African American Literature

AML 4607** Studies in 20th-Century African American Literature

AML 4624 African American Women Writers

AML 4930** Special Topics in American Literature

ANT 3302 Sex, Gender, & Culture

ARH 4871 Women and Art

CCJ 3666 Victimology

CCJ 4663 Women, Crime and the Criminal Justice System

CCJ 4694 Human Trafficking

CLP 4314 Psychology of Health and Illness – GL

DEP 3305 Psychology of Adolescence

DEP 4014 Psychology of Parenting and Parenthood

ECP 3254 Women, Men, and Work in the USA

ENG 4134 Women and Film

ENL 3261 19th Century British Women Novelists

ENL 4212 Medieval Women Writers

EUH 4610 Women and Gender in Europe, 1750- Present

FIL 4881 Hispanic Culture: Women and Film

FRW 4583 Women Writers

HIS 4930** Special Topics

HIS 4935 Senior Seminar

INR 4085 Women and Men in International Relations

LAH 4721 History of Women in Latin America – GL

LBS 4154 Workers and Diversity – GL

LBS 4210 Women and Work – GL

LIT 3384 Caribbean Women Writers

LIT 4536 Multi-cultural Working-Class Women's Literature

LIT 4930** Special Topics

LIT 4931 Special Topics in Women's Literature

MAN 4102 Managing Diversity

PHM 4020 Love and Sexuality

PHM 4123 Philosophy and Feminism

POS 4073 The Military and the Citizen
POT 4309 Sex, Power and Politics
REL 3171 Sex and Religion
REL 4105 Latino/a Immigration and Religion
REL 4364 Interpreting the Quran: Gender and Jihad – GL
SOP 4731 Global Psychology
SOP 4745 Women and Leadership
SPC 3711 Gender and Communication
SYD 4800 Theories of Gender & Society
SYG 4060 Sexualities & Societies
SYO 3120 Families and Social Change
SYP 3456 Societies in the World
WST 4272 History of Women and Gender in the Modern Middle East
WST 4334 Queer Cinema
WST 4642 Gender and Sexuality in Islamic Cultures

**These courses are subject to approval on a semester-by-semester basis.

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PROGRAM OF STUDY

Required Credits Total: 30 credit hours

1. Senior Year (may begin in any semester)

- One Elective from the list of Humanities or Social Sciences 3
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- AFA 6920 African and African Diaspora Studies Graduate Colloquium 1

2. First MA Year (courses only offered in the Fall)

- AFA 5005 African and African Diaspora Studies Theory 3
- AFA 5855 Research Methods and Scholarly Writing in Africana Studies 3
- One Elective from the list of Humanities or Social Sciences 3
- AFA 6920 African and African Diaspora Studies Graduate Colloquium 1

3. Term 2 (Spring)

- One Elective from the list of Humanities or Social Sciences 3
- One Elective from the list of Humanities or Social Sciences 3
- AFA 6911 Research Paper / Proposal Writing in African and African Diaspora Studies 3
- AFA 6920 African and African Diaspora Studies Graduate Colloquium 1

Language Requirement: Students will be asked to demonstrate proficiency in a language other than English according to the nature of their research paper/proposal and professional interests. Credit

hours earned in meeting language requirement will not count toward the 30 credit hours required for the degree.

Exit Requirement: Candidates must obtain a grade of “B” or higher in all courses and achieve a cumulative point average of at least 3.0 (based on a 4.0 scale) and present a satisfactory research paper, proposal or report with scholarly citation styles admitted in the discipline.

List of Electives I:

The *Humanities* Students must choose between 9 and 15 credits from the list below with approval of the Graduate Director. Students may also select other courses not listed below after submitting the appropriate syllabus.

AFA 5932 Special Topics in African and African Diaspora Studies
AFA 5107 Teaching the African American Experience
AFA 5341 Health Issues in the African World
AFA 5600 National and Transnational Policy Analysis: The African Diaspora
AFA 6851 Advanced Seminar in African and African Diaspora Studies
AFH 5905 Readings in African History
AFH 5935 Topics in African History
FRE 5508 La Francophonie
HAI 5235 Haitian Creole Seminar
LAH 5465 Peoples, Culture and Politics of Haiti
LAS 6025 Seminar: The Humanities in Cuba
LIN 6602 Language Contact LIT 5359 African Diaspora Women Writers
LIT 5358 Black Literature and Literacy/Cultural Theory
MUH 5025 History of Popular Music in the United States
MUH 5067 Music of the Caribbean
RLG 5122 African American Religion
RLG 5372 The Globalizing of African Spirituality
RLG 5384 Rasta, Vodou, Santeria
RLG 5488 Theology and Liberation Movements
SPN 5536 Afro-Cuban Culture
SPN 5539 Special Topics in Afro-Hispanic Culture
SPW 5776 Black Literature in Latin America
SPW 6368 19th Century Spanish-Caribbean Narrative
WOH 5236 The Transatlantic Slave Trade and the Making of the African Diaspora, 1441- 1807
WOH 5237 The African Diaspora Since the End of the Slave Trade

List of Electives II:

The *Social Sciences* Students must choose between 6 and 15 credits from the list below:

ANG 6473 Diasporas, Migration, and Globalization
ANG 5397 Advanced African Diaspora Cultures and Performativity
ANG 5396 Representations of Africa and Africans in Films
ANT 6319 The African Diaspora: Anthropological Perspectives
CPO 5325 Politics of the Caribbean

- CPO 6350 Seminar in Brazilian Politics
- CPO 6376 Seminar in Central American Politics
- CPO 6206 Seminar in African Politics
- CYP 6766 The Psychology of Cross-cultural Sensitization in a Multicultural Context
- ECS 5406 Latin American Economies
- ECS 6436 The Economics of Caribbean Migration
- ECS 7435 Economics of the Caribbean
- INR 5087 Ethnicity and the Politics of Development
- INR 5255 Seminar in African Development
- INR 6936 Seminar in Inter-American Politics
- SYD 6705 Comparative Analysis of Ethnicity and Race

Does it require new courses?

No new courses needed.

Resources required: faculty, library, facilities including laboratories

Students will apply to the BA/MA through the Graduate Program Director in AADS. CWGS faculty will help to identify and recruit high performing students who may be interested in the pathway. No additional library, laboratory, or faculty resources will be required.

Budget requirements

To offer this track requires no budget beyond what is already spent on AADS graduate programs. In the future, AADS might seek additional funds through the Graduate Student Recruitment budget allocation process run by UGS (to advertise the program more widely, along with the AADS PhD program).

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Graduate Colloquium 1

Term 2 (Spring)

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Term 3 (Summer C)

- One Elective from the list of Humanities or Social Sciences 3
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- One Elective from the list of Humanities or Social Sciences 3
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Accelerated (4+1) BA in Women's and Gender Studies/ MA in African and African Diaspora Studies Degree Pathway

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