JOINT MASTER OF ARTS PROGRAM IN AFRICANA STUDIES AND ECONOMICS

The goal of this program is to help students develop social science skills that can be used to better society in the public and private spheres, specifically in the support of African and African Diasporic communities. The program provides students with a social science background in economics and Africana studies. Students analyze development economics, politics, and other social sciences and gain a broader perspective of how these disciplines apply to Africa and the African Diaspora.

CURRICULUM

The curriculum consists of 36 credits of required courses from both economics and Africana studies, as well as elective courses from other social science disciplines, such as politics, or from other schools at NYU, such as the Wagner Graduate School of Public Service. The final requirement is either a master’s thesis or a special project associated with an internship conducted at a site involving the application of social science knowledge and principles to African affairs. While this program specifically targets African students, others with interest in this interdisciplinary connection between Africana studies and economics are encouraged to apply.

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<th>ECONOMICS (Note that Economics classes are 3-credit courses)</th>
<th>AFRICANA STUDIES</th>
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<td><strong>Core Requirements</strong></td>
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<td>Math for Economics, Microeconomic Theory, Macro Economic Theory, Applied Statistics and Econometrics I (with lab), Applied Statistics and Econometrics II (with Lab)</td>
<td>Pro-Seminar I and II in Africana Studies</td>
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<td><strong>Electives</strong></td>
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<td>Economics electives (9 credits) Selected from Economics and Africana Studies Programs or from elsewhere in social sciences</td>
<td>1 Africana Studies Electives Selected from the following three social science course offerings only: -Africans in the World Economy -International Economic Development -Political Economy</td>
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<td><strong>Additional Courses</strong></td>
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<td>2-credit Directed Readings for Special Project/Internship OR 2-credit Directed Readings for the Master’s Thesis. Can be enrolled under Economics or Africana Studies.</td>
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<td><strong>CREDITS</strong></td>
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TYPICAL PROGRAM SCHEDULE

First Semester (Fall I)
- Proseminar I Africana Studies
- Math for Economists
- Macroeconomic Theory
- Applied Statistics and Econometrics I (with Lab)

Second Semester (Spring I)
- Africans in the World Economy
- Microeconomic Theory
- Applied Statistics and Econometrics II (with Lab)

Third Semester (Fall II)
- Political Economy
- Economics Elective
- Economics Elective
- *Directed Reading for Special Project/Internship or MA Thesis

Fourth Semester (Spring II)
- Any remaining course work (some will be done with courses by December)

COMPLETION OF THESIS

- First Project Draft Due no later than two months into intended term of graduation (ex. Nov. for January graduates; March for May graduates).
- Final Draft (approved by both readers) due no later than two weeks prior to graduate deadline.

*Non course requirements: Where possible the special Project/Internship or the Thesis Project may be completed at cooperating sites in Africa. Students may enroll in a special 2-credit course to support their efforts. It is expected that satisfying the 2-point requirement may force continued work beyond the third semester of enrollment and the program will allow full time status for a fourth semester of extended work.