

**ESTABLISHMENT OF CONCENTRATION IN HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT  
WITHIN THE AFRICANA STUDIES BA PROGRAM**

University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Undergraduate

Course and Curriculum Proposal from: Africana Studies

**PROPOSAL SUMMARY AND CATALOG COPY.**

1. **SUMMARY.** The Africana Studies Department would like to establish a Health and Environment Concentration within the Africana Studies major beginning in Fall 2011. The concentration will require a total of five three-credit hour courses in the following order.

**Group A. The three-credit prerequisite course for the concentration is:**

AFRS 2170. Health and Environment in the Africana World

**Group B. Three to four courses (9-12 credits) must be taken from the following:**

AFRS 3155/HIST 3155: Health & Healing in Africa

AFRS 3250: African-Americans and Health Communication

AFRS 3261: Psychology of the Black Experience

AFRS 4630: Environmental and Public Health in Africa (O)

AFRS 4640: Environment, State and Society in the Caribbean and Latin America

AFRS 4652: Race, Health and the African Diaspora (W)

**Group C. One course (3 credits) may be taken from the following if approved by the respective department:**

AFRS 4401: Professional Internship in Africana Studies

ANTH 2126: World Population Problems

ANTH 2127: Environmental Anthropology

ANTH 3122: Culture, Health and Disease

ANTH 3124: Food, Nutrition and Culture

ANTH 4131: Culture, Pregnancy, and Birth

COMM 3051: Topics in Health Communication

COMM 3115: Health Communication

ESCI 2101: The Environmental Dilemma

GEOG 2103: Elements of GIScience and Technologies

GEOG 2120: Geographic Information Systems: Survey of Applications and Techniques

GEOG 3215: Environmental Planning

GRNT/HLTH 3115: Health and the Aging Process

HIST 2140: Disease & Medicine in History

HLTH 2101: Healthy Life Cycles

HLTH 3102: Comparative Healthcare Systems  
HLTH 3103: Behavior Change Theories & Practice  
HLTH 4103: Environmental Health: A Global Perspective  
HLTH 4104: Epidemiology  
HLTH 4280: Global Health Issues  
HLTH 4090: International Comparative Health Systems  
NURS/WMST 4191: Women's Health Issues  
POLS 3125: Health Care Policy  
SOCY/GER 4130: Sociology of Health and Illness

A grade of "D" or higher must be earned in the required course and a minimum 2.0 grade point average is required in the 15 credit hours of the concentration.

**2. PROPOSED CATALOG COPY.**

The major in Africana Studies leading to a B.A. degree requires the completion of a minimum 30 credit hours; including:

(1) 15 credit hours in Africana Studies core courses: AFRS 1100, 3290, 4000, 4010, and one of the following: AFRS 2153, 2160, and 2161;

(2) A minimum of 15 credit hours in Africana Studies electives, including any of the following: 2050, 2105, 2120, 2153, 2160, 2161, 2170, 2206, 2215, 2221, 2301, 3050, 3150, 3155, 3158, 3190, 3200, 3210, 3218, 3220, 3240, 3250, 3260, 3261, 3265, 3270, 3278, 3280, 3290, 3692, 3895, 3990, 4000, 4050, 4101, 4105, 4410, 4630, 4640, 4652

(3) At least a three credit hour course designated W in the major.

**Concentration in Health and Environment**

Students can, if desired, complete a Concentration in Health and Environment as part of the B.A. degree in Africana Studies. The concentration focuses on the cultural, social, ethical, psychological, historical, and policy dimensions of the pertinent health and environmental issues in the global Africana World. The concentration requires a total of five three-credit hour courses. All students are required to take the prerequisite for the concentration: AFRS 2170. In addition, a minimum of three courses must be taken from the following: AFRS/HIST 3155, AFRS 3250; AFRS 3261; AFRS 4630; AFRS 4640; AFRS 4652. One of the required courses for the concentration may be taken from the following: AFRS 4401, ANTH 2126, ANTH 3122, ANTH 3124, ANTH 4131, COMM 3051, COMM 3115, ESCI 2102, GEOG 2103, GEOG 2120, GEOG 3215, GRNT/HLTH 3115, HIST 2140, HLTH 2140, HLTH 3102, HLTH 4103, HLTH 4104, HLTH 4280, HLTH 3103, HLTH 4090, NURS/WMST 4191, POLS 3125, SOCY/GER 4130