

CURRICULUM PROPOSAL

APPROVAL PAGE

Proposal Title: Add Upper-Division AFST Courses to Block Electives (Social and Behavioral Sciences)

College: Liberal Arts

Department: African American Studies / History

DEPARTMENT CHAIR- Dr. Brandon James Render, African American Studies Program Director

I have read the enclosed proposal and approve this proposal on behalf of the department.

Signature

Date

COLLEGE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE CHAIR – Dr. Selfa A. Chew Meléndez

I have read the enclosed documents and approve the proposal on behalf of the college curriculum committee.

Signature

Date

COLLEGE DEAN – Associate Dean Dr. Charles Boehmer

I have read the enclosed documents and approve the proposal on behalf of the college. I certify that the necessary funds will be allocated by the college in support of this proposal.

Signature

Date

CURRICULUM CHANGE MEMO

Date: April 6, 2026
From: Dr. Brandon James Render
Through: N/A
Through: Dr. Charles Boehmer, Associate Dean
To: Dr. Selfa A. Chew Meléndez, Liberal Arts College Curriculum Committee Chair
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Course name and number

N/A

Course category

- Fine and Performing Arts
- Humanities
- Social and Behavioral Sciences

Action Needed

- Add course to Block Electives
- Remove course from Block Electives

Proposed Effective Date

April 6, 2026 (or as soon as possible)

Rationale

Adding Social and Behavioral Science courses in African American Studies as a block elective will increase student enrollment from non-African American Studies minors and increase the number of courses available to students seeking a block elective credit.

The following course should be added to the list of block electives:

AFST 4304 – Environmental Justice and Minority Communities U.S.