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**Required Courses**

**AFS 20000 What is the African American Experience?** (3 credits): A historical and methodological analysis of both African histories and cultures and the history of the diaspora struggles of persons of African descent to create a life and distinct culture among world civilizations. Integrated Writing course

**COM 1040 Introduction to Human Communication** (3 credits): Surveys major concepts, theories, and research approaches in the study of human communication. Assists students in developing an understanding of the foundation of communication theory in preparation for advanced study

**WMS 2000 Approaches to Women’s Studies** (3 credits): Introduces historical and contemporary feminist thought and explores the importance of gender as a category of analysis to understand social, cultural, political, and economic forces. Integrated Writing course.

**Recommended Courses**

**AFS 3000 African American Perspectives & Models of Success** (3 credits): Real-life problems impacting African and African American life: economics, education, crime, gender issues, urban problems, globalism, health. Real-life models of success as examples of how to effectively overcome these problems. Integrated Writing course

**AFS 4000 Service Experience** (3 credits): AFS4000 Service Experience (Credits: 3)Field placement of students in community organizations, social service agencies, and governmental entities where they will engage in work that relates to and enhances their understanding of the African American experience. Prerequisite: AFS 2000

**BIO 3700 Bioethics** (3 credits): Provides an opportunity to learn/discuss contemporary issues in biology, medicine, and health; recognize, compare, contrast, approach bioethical situations and problems; acquire and separate factual knowledge from opinion; and demonstrate critical thinking. Prerequisite: BIO 1120 with min. grade of C and BIO 1150 with min. grade of C

**COM 2020 Interpersonal Communication** (3 credits): A theoretical and behavioral approach to the role of communication in relationships across various contexts. Emphasis on perception and self-concept, relational development, verbal and nonverbal messages, influence, gender and diversity. Prerequisite: COM 1040 and ENG 1010

**HED 1230 Personal & Community Health** (3 credits): An introduction to factors influencing the physical, mental, and social health of individuals and communities.
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**SOC 3620 Race and Ethnicity** (3 credits): Study of intergroup, racial, and ethnic group relations including the processes and consequences of conflict, prejudice, and discrimination.

**SOC 3810 Medical Sociology** (3 credits): Introduction to the social dimensions of health and illness; consideration of patterns of disease, along with the organization, provision, and delivery of medical services.

**SOC 3600 Social Inequality** (3 credits): Structures, theories and consequences of social inequality. This course explores the patterns of inequality, as well as early and contemporary theories of stratification.

**SOC 3610 Sociology of Gender** (3 credits): Examines how gender is created and negotiated across space and place. Also examines how gender and gender inequality intersect with other social constructs like race, social class, the media, culture, sexuality, work, family, and violence.

**WMS 3000 Women in Multicultural Perspective** (3 credits): Special topics in gender history. Topics may include masculinity, femininity, sexuality, family, and women's history. Focus may be on one nation, region, or a comparative perspective.