

# UConn | COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

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## COMMITTEE ON CURRICULA AND COURSES

### Proposal to Add a New Undergraduate Course

Last revised: September 24, 2013

1. Date: 10/8/2013
2. Department requesting this course: Institute for African American Studies
3. Semester and year in which course will be first offered: Spring 2014

### Final Catalog Listing

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Assemble this after you have completed the components below. This listing should not contain any information that is not listed below!

AFAM 3898. Variable Topics

Three credits. With a change of topic, may be repeated for credit. Prerequisites and recommended preparation vary.

### Items Included in Catalog Listing

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#### Obligatory Items

1. Standard [abbreviation](#) for Department, Program or [Subject Area](#): AFAM
2. [Course Number](#): 3898
3. Course Title: Variable Topics
4. [Number of Credits](#): 3
5. [Course Description](#) (second paragraph of catalog entry): Three credits. With a change of topic, may be repeated for credit. Prerequisites and recommended preparation vary

#### Optional Items

6. [Pattern of instruction](#), if not standard:
7. [Prerequisites](#), if applicable: N/A
  - a. [Consent of Instructor](#), if applicable: N/A
  - b. [Open to sophomores/juniors or higher](#): N/A
8. [Recommended Preparation](#), if applicable: N/A
9. [Exclusions](#), if applicable: N/A
10. [Repetition for credit](#), if applicable: Yes
11. [Skill codes](#) "W", "Q" or "C": no
12. University General Education Content Area, if any:  
If Content Area 1, CLAS areas A-E:
13. [S/U grading](#): no

### Justification

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1. [Reasons for adding this course](#): African American Studies does not have a variable topics course in their catalog of courses

2. **Academic merit:** A variable topic course would provide professors and visiting fellows to instruct students on various topics involving the African Diaspora.
3. **Overlapping courses:** N/A
4. Number of students expected: 15-30
5. Number and size of sections: Varying by courses offered by instructor
6. **Effects on other departments:** This will have no effect on other departments.
7. Effects on regional campuses: The course will not have an effect on the regional campuses.
8. **Staffing:** Institute for African American Studies faculty, visiting fellows and professors.
9. **Dates approved** by  
Department Curriculum Committee: 10/8/13  
Department Faculty: 10/8/2013
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## **Syllabus**

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A **syllabus** for the new course must be attached to your submission email.

A syllabus is not applicable due to the nature of the description of the course.