



CERTIFICATE in BLACK STUDIES



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CERTIFICATES IN BLACK AND AFRICAN STUDIES



"Black Studies is for
Every Body and Every
Kind of Body!"

-Dr. Courtney Terry



Why Earn a Certificate in Black or African Studies?

Completion of a certificate demonstrates evidence of specialized educational achievement and is recognized on a Portland State University transcript. Certificates prepare you to advance in your career and to gain the extra knowledge needed to stay up-to-date in your fields. Earning one of our certificates is a way for you to gain credits in a structured, multi-disciplinary way, where you will learn about exciting developments and histories centered in Africa or around Black experiences, thought, and art throughout the world.



A Certificate in Black Studies:

consists of 16 credits (4 courses). All certificate courses must be taken at PSU. This certificate can be earned on its own, separate from completion of a bachelor's degree.

Students will be required to take 4 courses with a BST prefix:

- Beginning in 2025, 2 of these will focus outside the African continent (16 credits)

Course offerings include:

Race and Ethnicity in Latin America

Afrofuturism & Black Sci-Fi

Contemporary African American Music

African Diaspora in Europe



A Certificate in African Studies:

consists of 16 credits (4 courses). All certificate courses must be taken at PSU. This certificate can be earned on its own, separate from completion of a bachelor's degree.

Students will be required to take:

- 4 courses of Africa-related content. Most of these will be approved courses in the Black Studies department (16 credits).

