DISTINGUISHED MAJORS PROGRAM

AFRICAN-AMERICAN AND AFRICAN STUDIES

The Distinguished Majors Program in African-American and African Studies affords qualified students the opportunity to do advanced research culminating in a thesis, and to receive, at graduation, the honor of "Distinction" or "High Distinction." Third-year students with a superior academic record are encouraged to apply.

NAME: _____ Date Of Application: _____/_____/_____

Phone: _____ **E-Mail** _____ **# of Semesters Completed to Date:** _____

GPA: 1) overall: _____   **2) in African-American and African Studies:** _____

List all courses taken thus far that count toward the AAS major. List any other courses that you think have further prepared you for the Distinguished Majors Program:

1	grade:	8	grade:
2	grade:	9	grade:
3	grade:	10	grade:
4	grade:	11	grade:
5	grade:	12	grade:
6	grade:	13	grade:
7	grade:	14	grade:

Requirements of the Distinguished Majors Program

Entry into the program

1. Third-year students are eligible to apply for the program if they have achieved an average of **3.40** in all course work prior to application for the program.

2. The applicant must obtain the agreement of a **thesis supervisor**. The supervisor can be any fulltime faculty member who teaches courses that count toward the AAS major. The supervisor must agree to direct the thesis research in the fall and spring semesters of the applicant's fourth year. Please indicate the name of the faculty member who has agreed to work with you:

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3. The applicant must obtain another faculty member's agreement to serve as **second reader**. The second reader must be a fulltime academic or general faculty member who teaches courses at UVA. This agreement must be secured by September 30th.   If you have already obtained the agreement of a second reader, indicate his/her name below:

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4. In addition to this application form, please submit a one-page **proposal** describing your thesis topic and research plan, plus a list of five-to-ten relevant sources.

5. Application should be made to the Director of the DMP, Professor Claudrena Harold (cnh6g@virginia.edu) and copied to AAS DUP, Lisa Shutt, (mailto:lt7q@virginia.edu), by **April 8**.

Requirements for completion of the program

1. Satisfaction of all College requirements as stated in the Undergraduate Record with an overall GPA of at least 3.40

2. Fulfillment of all the requirements for the normal AAS major.

3. Like the AAS major, the DMP comprises a minimum of 29 credits. DMP participants must complete at least six credits of course work at or above the 4000-level, in addition to the six credits specific to preparation of the thesis, outlined in #4, below.

4. Participants must register for 3 credits of AAS 4070 (Directed Research) in the first semester. In the second semester, students register for AAS 4080 (Thesis).

5. Participants must attend five workshops led by the DUP over the course of the year. Prior to each workshop, students will circulate electronic versions of their drafts and prepare feedback on one another's work. The DUP will inform all thesis supervisors of the workshop schedule and assignment deadlines. The workshops are highlighted below:

      Fall Week 4: Written prospectus and bibliography.
      Fall Week 9: Outlines for all parts of the thesis
      Fall Week 13: 10-15 written pages
      Spring Week 9: Rough draft of the entire thesis.
      Spring Week 13: Revised draft of thesis
      Last day of class instruction: Submit corrected final copy

6. In addition to the five DMP workshops, every DMP student must attend, and actively participate in, at least one of the Woodson Fellows' workshops. The DUP will help the student select the most appropriate workshop, and will make the necessary arrangements for the student to attend.

7. The thesis should be approximately 40 pages in length. Final copies must be submitted the thesis supervisor, the second reader, and the DUP no later than the last day of spring semester classes for Spring graduation, May 20 for August graduation, and Nov 20 for December graduation.