Please see attachment for deletions and below for explanations and replacement wording. I hope this is correct way to do it!
If not, let me know. I will try again. LOL

Thanks!
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From: Sharpley-Whiting, Tracy D [mailto:t.sharpley-whiting@Vanderbilt.Edu]
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Subject: curriculum changes

The AADS faculty has reviewed and strongly support the following changes to the major and minor in African American and Diaspora Studies. Explanation and Justification are included in text. Please feel free to contact me with questions

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS PER CATALOG

Explanation/Justification: We will drop requirement 5 for the major primarily because special topics courses do not count towards AXLE. AADS 294a or 294b may still count towards the major but it will no longer be a required course. Further, we will allow students to take 9 hours of electives, strengthening our interdisciplinary efforts with other programs and departments as well as allowing students a bit more exposure to other disciplines.

Hence Requirement 6, which will become Requirement 5 in future electronic and print materials, will read:

5. 9 hours of electives selected from the approved list of course offerings at Vanderbilt and Fisk universities. Consult with the program’s undergraduate director for an updated list of approved courses.
MINOR REQUIREMENTS PER CATALOG

Explanation/Justification: We will drop requirement 5 for the major primarily because special topics courses do not count towards AXLE. AADS 294a or 294b may still count towards the major but it will no longer be a required course. Further, we will allow students to take 6 hours of electives, strengthening our programmatic collaborative efforts with other programs and departments as well as allowing students a bit more exposure to other disciplines.

Hence Requirement 6, which will become Requirement 5 in future electronic and print materials, will read:

5. 6 hours of electives selected from the approved list of course offerings at Vanderbilt and Fisk universities. Consult with the program’s undergraduate director for an updated list of approved courses.

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THE concentration in African American and Diaspora Studies requires 36 hours of course work. Approved courses taken at Fisk University may be counted as electives in the program of study. The course of study in the African American and Diaspora Studies Program is divided into three areas: Area of Study I, Literature, Theory, and Visual Culture; Area of Study II, Gender and Sexuality; and Area of Study III, Social Sciences.

Program of Concentration in African American and Diaspora Studies

Requirements for the major include at least 36 hours of credit as follows:

1. 3 hours of credit from AADS 101, Introduction to African American and Diaspora Studies.
2. 6 hours of credit from Area of Study I, Literature, Theory, and Visual Culture.
3. 6 hours of credit from Area of Study II, Gender and Sexuality.
4. 6 hours of credit from Area of Study III, Social Sciences.
5. 9 hours of credit from Electives.
6. 3 hours of credit from AADS 270, Research Methods. Majors must take this course before their fourth year of study but not before the second semester of their sophomore year.
7. 3 hours of credit in AADS 299, Senior Thesis.

At least 6 hours of the concentration must focus on the Americas (outside of the United States) and/or Africa. No more than nine hours of course work can be taken at the 100 level (excluding AADS 101).

Honors Program in African American and Diaspora Studies

Requirements for the Honors major include a cumulative GPA of 3.0 and a GPA of 3.3 in African American and Diaspora Studies, the 33 hours of the regular major as outlined in 1 through 6 above, and 3 hours of credit in AADS 298, Senior Honors Thesis. Students pursuing the Senior Honors Thesis may apply to the program for nominal funding to assist with research projects. The thesis must be approved by a committee of two faculty members (one of whom must be affiliated with the African American and Diaspora Studies Program). Students must also complete a public presentation of their thesis research/findings from the Senior Honors Thesis.

Minor in African American and Diaspora Studies

Requirements for completion of the minor include at least 21 hours of credit as follows:

1. 3 hours of credit in AADS 101, Introduction to African American and Diaspora Studies.
2. 3 hours of credit from Area of Study I, Literature, Theory, and Visual Culture.
3. 3 hours of credit from Area of Study II, Gender and Sexuality.
4. 3 hours of credit from Area of Study III, Social Sciences.
5. 9 hours of credit from Electives.

At least 6 hours of the minor must focus on the Americas (outside of the United States) and/or Africa, and no more than 6 credit hours of the minor can be taken at the 100 level (excluding AADS 101).

Minors are also encouraged to take AADS 270, Research Methods, which counts as a course from Area of Study III, Social Sciences, but not before the second semester of the sophomore year.

Areas of Study and Electives

Courses with an asterisk in the lists below fulfill the Africa and Americas outside of the United States portion of the major and minor. Approved courses offered at Fisk may count towards elective requirements.

Area of Study I, Literary Theory, and Visual Culture
AFRICAN AMERICAN AND DIASPORA STUDIES: 110, Race Matters; 150, Reel to Real: Film Aesthetics and Representation*; 202, Mystery, Murder, and Mayhem in Black Detective Fiction; 230, Race, Mixed Race, and “Passing”; 240, Slavery and Public Memory*; 265, Soul Food as Text in Text.

Area of Study II, Gender and Sexuality
AFRICAN AMERICAN AND DIASPORA STUDIES: 120, Diaspora Feminisms*; 200, Popular Culture and Black Sexual Politics; 210, Black Masculinity: Social Imagery and Public Policy; 221, History and Myth: Black Women in the United States; 260, Black Diaspora Women Writers*.

Area of Study III, Social Sciences
Other Electives

Any course from the above three areas may serve as an elective if it is not already being used to satisfy an Area requirement. Please consult the director of undergraduate studies for periodic updates about electives including courses that can be taken at Fisk as electives for AADS.

AFRICAN AMERICAN AND DIASPORA STUDIES: 115F, First Year Writing Seminar.
ANTHROPOLOGY: 210, Peoples and Cultures of Latin America*; 266, Gender and Cultural Politics*.
ENGLISH: 246, Feminist Theory; 263, African American Literature; 271, Caribbean Literature*; 275, Latino American Literature; 276, Anglophone African Literature*.
LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES: 260, Latin America, Latinos, and the United States*.
POLITICAL SCIENCE: 234, Women, Politics, and the Development of the Third World*.
PSYCHOLOGY: 217, Psychology of Women.
SOCIOLOGY: 226, Gender, Race, and Class; 239, Women, Gender, and Globalization; 242, Urban Community; 248, Popular Culture Dynamics; 250, Gender in Society; 251, Women and Public Policy in America; 255, Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the United States; 257, Gender, Sexuality, and the Body; 258, The South in American Culture; 268, Race, Gender, Health; 275, African Society*; 276, Contemporary Africa*; 277, Contemporary Latin America*.
SPANISH: 243, Latino Immigration Experience*; 244, Afro-Hispanic Literature*.
WOMEN’S AND GENDER STUDIES: 150, Sex and Gender in Everyday Life; 240, Introduction to Women’s Health; 250, Contemporary Women’s Movements.