

## **AAAS 98 or 98A: Junior Tutorial**

The course AAAS 98 or 98A: Junior Tutorial builds on the general foundations of African and African American Studies developed in introductory courses and the sophomore tutorial and allows students to focus on their chosen area of interest, and the particular topics that they wish to pursue. The Junior Tutorial is a semester-long course that provides concentrators with a unique opportunity to develop, explore, focus, or expand their intellectual interests.

At the beginning of the junior tutorial, juniors work collaboratively with their instructor to develop a syllabus, and tutorials will typically meet weekly for two hours. The collaborative process of designing a schedule of readings is one of the most valuable aspects of the junior tutorial. In the process, students define and shape their fields of study, identify key debates and texts within fields, and develop research skills. In keeping with the field of African and African American studies, the junior tutorial content is not only interdisciplinary but also comparative and cross-cultural. The junior tutorial can also be an important step in conceptualizing a Senior Thesis topic and learning how to conduct advanced research.

The course AAAS 98 or 98A: Junior Tutorial should meet the following criteria:

- It must be a small group (one-on-one or small seminar) meeting with a qualified graduate student or faculty member;
- It must have a final paper or project requirement (e.g. 15 pages, not counting notes and bibliography); and
- It must receive written approval from both the instructor and the Assistant Director of Undergraduate Studies. An email communication of approval will suffice.

Undergraduate students are responsible for identifying and contacting a faculty member or graduate student to form a junior tutorial. The Assistant Director of Undergraduate Studies will meet with students, if they request, to assist them in identifying an appropriate tutorial leader. Planning for the junior tutorial should take place before course registration is due in the relevant semester.

Additional notes:

- The course AAAS 98 or 98A: Junior Tutorial cannot be taken pass/fail. A letter grade must be provided by the instructor at the end of the semester.
- If the student is in a joint concentration, they may substitute a junior tutorial equivalent in the primary concentration if African and African American Studies is the allied concentration.