

THE MINOR IN AFRICAN AND AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES

Description and objectives

This interdisciplinary, comparative, and cross-cultural unit of courses allows students to examine critically important information derived from a variety of academic disciplines included in the broad fields of African Studies and African Diaspora Studies. The minor encompasses courses that cover the histories, socio-political constructs, religions, literature, music, and philosophies of African and African-descendant peoples. Beyond the acquisition of knowledge, the minor in African and African American Studies will introduce students to methodologies for the application of their acquired knowledge through internships, research projects, and perspectives about social change.

Requirements for the Minor in African and African American Studies

1. The minor comprises 18 semester hours (6 courses). Two of the six courses must be history courses.
2. A grade of C or higher is required in all minor courses.
3. There is one required course for the minor. Students may choose:
AFAS 2319 Introduction to African and African American Studies or
HIST 1381 Introduction to the African American Experience
4. Students select five (5) additional courses to complete the minor.
HIST 2381 African American History I
HIST 2382 African American History II
HIST 3357 African History
HIST 4334 Race Relations
HIST 4336 Special Topics with African & African American content
ENGL 2304 Introduction to African American Literature
ENGL 4373 African American Literature
ENGL 4353 Special Topics in Literary and Communication Arts with
African & African American content
MUSI 2301 Music of Black America and Other World Cultures

EDUC	3303	Teacher and Student in a Multicultural Society
PSCI	468	African Government and Politics
RELI	383	Special Topics in Religion with African and African American content
PSYC	413	Psychology of the African American Experience
SOCI	323	Minority Group Relations

COURSES IN AFRICAN AND AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES (AFAS)

AFAS 2319 Introduction to African & African American Studies 3 Credit Hours

An exploration of some of the key texts, authors, ideologies, and issues in African and African American Studies from a range of disciplinary perspectives. If possible, the course will be team taught with two or more members of the faculty leading class discussions in their areas of specialization. In the alternative, one faculty member will serve as the primary instructor and coordinate the schedules of colleagues from other disciplines to give lectures and lead discussion sessions.

Prerequisite: None

Offered: Fall/Spring

AFAS 2333 Afro-Latino Culture 3 Credit Hours

This course offers a survey of the history, literature, music, art or socio-political imperatives of the populations of African descent in the Americas.

Prerequisite: ENGL 1301

Offered: Fall/Spring

AFAS 3325 Supervised Reading and Research 3 Credit Hours

Prior to enrollment, students must consult with the program coordinator to identify a topic or topics for approval and to identify the proposed instructor who will supervise and grade the student's reading and research activities.

Prerequisite: None

Offered: Yearly

AFAS 3353 Women and Families in Africa and the Diaspora 3 Credit Hours

Employing a social science or humanities-based methodology, this course will examine issues relating to women and the dynamics of race and gender roles in various nations of Africa and the African Diaspora. Course themes may emphasize any of the following disciplinary perspectives, including history, political science, psychology, literature, or sociology.

Prerequisite: ENGL 1301

Offered: Fall/Every Two Years

AFAS 3363 Topics in African and African American Studies 3 Credit Hours

This series of courses will provide opportunities for semester-long, in-depth study and analysis of issues, theories, personalities, and events of significance concerning Africa and the African Diaspora, its people, their challenges, and their opportunities.

Prerequisite: ENGL 1301

Offered: As Needed

AFAS 4323 Internship

3 Credit Hours

Students wishing to enroll must consult with the program coordinator for review and selection of internship positions and approval of a specific internship project.

Prerequisite: One of the following courses:

Offered: As Needed

AFAS 2319, HIST 1381, HIST 3382, OR SOCI 3319