

AFRICAN AND AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES

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The African and African American Studies minor is interdisciplinary and it celebrates the achievements of people of African descent in Africa and the Diaspora while addressing their pursuit of justice, equality and self-determination. It focuses on cultures, societies, histories and concerns of people of African descent in Africa and the Diaspora including North America, the Caribbean and other parts of the world. It balances the study of race relations and racism with a celebration of African and African American achievements and contributions to the United States and the wider world. It provides a basis for better understanding among people in multicultural societies, multiracial nations and helps prepare students for a wide range of careers in such fields as criminal justice, education, law, health care, human relations, management, marketing, sports management and social work.

The minor in African and African American Studies is not available to AFAM majors.

Minor Requirements

The minor requires a minimum of 16 credit hours (four courses). The four courses must be taken in at least two different disciplinary departments. No more than one of these courses may be at the 100 level. Other requirements are as follows:

Code	Title	Credits
Select one of the following courses:		4
AFAM/HIST 225	African American History (HIST 225)	
AFAM/SOAN 106	Introduction to African Heritage (SOAN 106)	
African Connections and The Americas		8
Select two of the following courses:		
ENGL 151	Historical Perspectives (Variable Title)	
ENGL 230	African American Literature	
ENGL 331	Black Women Writers	
ENGL 332	Black Men Writers	
ENGL 334	African Women Writers	
FREN 311	The Francophone World	
HIST 215	The Civil Rights Movement	
HIST 241	Africa Before 1800	
HIST 242	Africa Since 1800	
HIST 308	The Underground Railroad	
IDS 430	African Americans in the 21st Century: Back to the Future?	
JPS 336	Understanding Oppressive Systems	
JPS 365	Race, Society and Criminal Justice	
MUS 110	Jazz Appreciation	
PSCI 222	African Government and Politics	
PHIL 261	Philosophy and Race	
PHIL 333	Individual Philosopher	
PSY 242	Psychology of African Americans	

PSY 250	Special Topics (ADHD and African American Children)	
PSY 349	Multiculturalism and Psychology	
REL 234	African American Religion and Theology	
SOAN 234	Culture & Sexuality in Africa	
SOAN 235	African Families in Transition	
SOAN 358	African Cultures in Film	
SOAN 265	Racial and Ethnic Relations	
SOAN 267	Race and Gender in Media Focus	
Select one of the following courses:		4
IDS 411	Gender & Development in Africa	
IDS 412	Race, Ethnicity, Psychology and Law	
IDS 435	Understanding Poverty	
IDS 430	African Americans in the 21st Century: Back to the Future?	
Total Credits		16

Total credit hours required for African and African American studies minor is 16 credits