African American Studies Program

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The African American Studies Program offers an undergraduate interdisciplinary minor. The primary objective is to provide students an opportunity to examine the multidimensional, multicultural experiences of African Americans and their responses to the blending of an African heritage and American culture.

The person who completes the African American Studies minor will have enlarged perspectives and increased skills and marketability for jobs in the fields of education, criminal justice, social work, governmental departments and agencies, and in the private sector.

Interdisciplinary minors are open to all students in the University. A student may take no more than 6 hours in a single department toward an interdisciplinary minor unless he or she surpasses the required 18-21 hours necessary for that minor. A student may take no more than 3 hours credit toward a minor in the same department or discipline in which he/she is taking a major, and no course may be counted for both major and minor credit. Students must fulfill all departmental prerequisites for any course within an interdisciplinary minor. The minor in African American Studies requires 21 semester credit hours including 12 hours of foundation courses.

Required courses (12 hours):

AAS	2100	Introduction to African American Studies
AAS/ENGL	2020	Themes in Literature and Culture: Survey of Afro-American Literature
AAS/PSY	3250	Perspectives on Black Psychology
AAS/HIST	2040	Survey African American History I OR
AAS/HIST	2050	Survey African American History II

Electives (9 hours):

AAS	4600	Interdisciplinary Seminar in African American Studies
AAS	4990	Independent Study in African American Studies
AAS/ANTH	3514	People and Cultures of Africa
AAS/ENGL	3340	The Black Experience in Modern Afro-American Literature
AAS/GEOG	3470	Geography of Africa
AAS/HIST	2040	Survey African American History I
AAS/HIST	2050	Survey African American History II
AAS/HIST	4430	Sub-Saharan Africa
AAS/HIST	4490	Mexico and the Caribbean
AAS/HIST	4750	African American Social and Intellectual History
AAS/MUHL	4530	History of Jazz
AAS/P S	3180	African Politics
AAS/SOC	4200	African American Film, Theater, and Television Images
AAS/S W	3200	Cultural Diversity: Competency for Practice
SOC	4240	Race and Ethnic Relations

Courses of Related Interest

Courses considered consistent with the goals and objectives of the African American Studies program are designated as "of related interest." However, African American Studies minors **MAY NOT** use these courses towards the minor without prior approval from the program's director.

ECON	4470	Economic Development of the Third World
HIST	3030	Topics in African American History
HIST	4760	America Divided: Race, Class, and Gender
PSY	4720	Multicultural Perspectives in Psychology and Education

Courses in African American Studies [AAS]

2100 Introduction to African American Studies. Three credits. Introductory interdisciplinary survey course which examines the African-American experience from enslavement through the present; social, religious, political, and cultural interactions evolving from that experience.

4600 Interdisciplinary Seminar in African American Studies. Three credits. Selected topics, issues, and problems in the African and African American experience. Course emphasis on primary source materials, critical reading, and critical analysis. Topics will vary. **This course may not be repeated for additional credit hours in the minor.**

4990 Independent Study in African American Studies. Three credits. Allows the examination of a specific topic within the study of Africa, the Caribbean, or America. Student conducts research and confers regularly with the instructor. Work must draw upon theories and methods applicable to African-American Studies. See the program director for guidelines. **This course may not be repeated for additional credit hours in the minor.**