

AFRICANA STUDIES, MINOR

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Program Overview

The minor in Africana studies provides students with a comprehensive, interdisciplinary academic program that focuses on 1) critical theories on race, 2) African and African diasporic history, culture and literature, and 3) the religious, political, and social dimensions of Black life. The program examines subject matter related to African contexts (both the historical study of such contexts and the study of current populations), as well as African diasporic cultures (including historic and contemporary migrations), with a focus on the African diasporic presence in the Americas. Thus, courses offered in the Africana studies minor address the experience of African Americans but also more broadly explore the global Black experience and its relationship to Black life in the Americas.

Undergraduate Policies

For undergraduate policies and procedures, please review the Undergraduate Academics section of the General Bulletin.

Program Faculty

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Program Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Introductory Course:		3
HSTY 252A	Introduction to African-American Studies	
History Domain:		3

Choose one of the following:

HSTY 135	Introduction to Modern African History
HSTY 262	African-American History Since 1945
HSTY 318	History of Black Women in the U.S.
HSTY 393	Advanced Readings in the History of Race
HSTY 395	History of Medicine

Culture, Literature, and Religious Life Domain: 3

Choose one of the following:

ENGL 365N	Topics in African-American Literature
ETHS 295	The Francophone World
MUGN 212	History of Rock and Roll
MUHI 315	History of Jazz and American Popular Music
RLGN 151	Introducing Africana Religions
RLGN 302	The Lemonade Class: Religion, Race, Sex and Black Music

Social and Behavioral Sciences Domain: 3

Choose one of the following:

POSC 369	Social Justice Issues in Latin America
SOCI 202	Race and Ethnic Minorities in The United States
SOCI 328	Capitalism, Cities, and Inequality
SOCI 366	Racial Inequality and Mass Imprisonment in the US

Elective ^a 3

Total Hours 15

^a Selected from one of the three Domains: History; Culture, Literature, and Religious Life; or Social and Behavioral Sciences

Please note that no more than 6 credit hours may overlap between this minor and requirements for another minor.