

The Academic Minor

Many departments have designed academic minors for the convenience of undergraduate students.

A minor is a structured group of courses that leads to considerable knowledge and understanding of a subject, although with less depth than a major. Some employers consider minors desirable, and the corresponding major requirements at the University may stipulate a minor. Some students choose to complement their major program with a minor in a related field or even in an entirely different field of interest. Students interested in pursuing an academic minor should contact their college dean's office and the department responsible for the minor program for guidance and advising.

Please note that undergraduate students can only complete a minor *in addition to* and as a *complement to* a major. The University does not award stand-alone minors.

Minor in African American Studies

The minor in African American Studies provides students with an opportunity to examine the contributions of established academic disciplines towards the understanding of African peoples, particularly those peoples in the New World. It also provides a framework for research and analysis of issues which focus on African American experiences in artistic, literary, historical, and sociopolitical environments. The minor requires **21 hours** of study as follows:

1. AAS 200 Introduction to African-American Studies 3
2. AAS 400 Special Topics in African-American Studies
(Subtitle required) 3
3. AAS 401 Independent Reading and Research
in African-American Studies 3

4 a. At least **six hours** of course work in the humanities (as approved by the African American Studies Committee). Among these are:

AAS/ENG 264 Introduction to Black Writers
 AAS/FR 263 African and Caribbean Literature and Culture
 of French Expression (Subtitle required)
 FR 504 Topics in French Literature and Culture (if appropriate)
 AAS/HIS 254 History of Colonial and Post-Colonial Africa
 AAS/HIS 260 African American History to 1865
 AAS/HIS 261 African American History 1865-Present
 AAS/HIS 360 Race and Sports in America
 HIS 585 The Age of Jim Crow, 1880-1930
 AAS/MUS 300 History of Jazz

4 b. At least **six hours** in the social sciences (as approved by the African American Studies Committee). Among these are:

AAS/ANT 326 Contemporary African Lives
 AAS/EDC 550 Education in a Culturally Diverse Society
 AAS/GEO 336 Geography of Sub-Saharan Africa
 PS 417G Survey of Sub-Saharan Politics
 PS 461G Civil Liberties
 AAS/PS 471 Race, Ethnicity and Politics
 AAS/SOC 235 Inequalities in Society
 AAS/SOC 432 Race and Ethnic Relations
 AAS/SOC 433 Topics in Social Inequalities (Subtitle required)

NOTE: Courses in English and history are strongly recommended.

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