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.

**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.