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 3180 African Politics
- 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 African 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/SOC 4200 African American Film, Theater, and Television Images

**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]**
See course descriptions in back of catalog.