

Proposal for Minor in African American Studies

Sponsoring Departments: American Studies and Humanities & Languages

The minor in African American Studies is designed to critically engage students in the historical, cultural, and socio-political aspects of American and African American life in the United States. Positing that Africa in general terms is the historical homeland of Blacks in the Diaspora, this interdisciplinary minor brings together scholars who are concerned with the African Diaspora, Africa and Black America with a view to exposing students to the interdisciplinary intersections between and among such and other disciplinary endeavors of study. A primary purpose of this minor is that it prepares students for life in an increasingly multi-ethnic and global society, for eventual explorations in graduate study and for professional careers in community service, education, government, law and private industry.

The minor requires a total of five courses, (20 credits), four of which must be taken from outside the student's major courses. Two courses may be transferred from another institution of higher learning. Only one 2000 level course or below is accepted toward the minor. A GPA of at least 2.00 is required for graduation, and no D grades will be counted toward the minor.

A foundation course will provide students with the pivotal underpinnings in this multi disciplinary area of study. Additional courses will be taken from the following areas:

- A. History
- B. Culture/Social Institutions
- C. Literature

Requirements:

The minor requires a total of five courses (20 credits) distributed as follows:

1. *Foundation Courses: (4 credits)*

AS2282 Introduction to African-American Studies

2. *Elective Courses: (16 credits)* At least one from each area:

A. *History*

AS3262 African American History I

AS3263 African American History II

AS3270 The African Diaspora

AS3412 African American Women's History

CH3640 African History

CH4650 The History of African Enslavement

B. *Culture/Social Institutions*

AS3812 African Americans in the Mass Media
AS4715 African American Thought and Culture
PY4730 African American Family Dynamics
CH3091 African Cultures
CH3610 America's African Heritage I
CH3704 African Philosophy & Religion
CH3907 African Film

C. *Literature*

AS3532 Literature of African American Women
AS3612 African American Literature
CH3470 Literatures of Africa
CH3611 Survey of African American Literature
CH4405 Caribbean Literature
CH4980 African-American Novel
CH4981 African-American Poetry & Plays
EL4010 The Harlem Renaissance
EL4040 Women Writers of the Harlem Renaissance
EL4070 Topics in African American Literature