

AFRICAN STUDIES MINOR

The African studies minor immerses students in the diverse societies that make up Africa and its diasporas. In this interdisciplinary curriculum, students examine the intricacies of African societies and politics alongside topics that have shaped the modern world, such as human rights, decolonization, development, justice and sustainability. The minor helps students apply lessons from the region locally and globally.

As an African studies minor, students learn the history, politics and economics of the continent and develop practical vocabulary in commonly spoken languages. Students also study African music and literature, public health, the environment and more. The minor makes an excellent addition to a primary area of study in languages and cultures, political science, law, pre-health, business or nonprofit administration and more. African studies is one of six interdisciplinary minors focused on international regions and global themes.

Minor Requirements (18 Hours)

Additional Courses (9 Hours)

Course	Title	Credits
Select two courses from the following:		6
ECON 505	International Development Economics	
FREN 453	Francophone Literatures and Cultures	
GEOG 560	Source Materials for Geographic Instruction	
HIST 351	Africa to 1800	
HIST 352	Africa since 1800	
POLI 380	Comparative Politics of Developing Countries	
POLI 432	Nationalism and Ethnicity in World Politics	
SWAH 121	Elementary Swahili	
SWAH 122	Basic Proficiency in Swahili	
Select one course from the following:		3
ARAB 121	Elementary Arabic	
ARAB 122	Basic Proficiency in Arabic	
ARAB 201	Intermediate Arabic	
ARAB 202	Intermediate Arabic	
ARAB 398	Selected Topics	
ECON 505	International Development Economics	
FREN 453	Francophone Literatures and Cultures	
GEOG 569	International Development and the Environment	
HIST 104	Introduction to the Civilization of the Islamic Middle East	
HIST 348	North Africa from Colonialism to Revolution: 1830-1962	
HIST 349	The Contemporary Middle East and North Africa	
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HIST 351	Africa to 1800	
HIST 352	Africa since 1800	
HIST 386	Islamic Institutions and Traditions	
POLI 380	Comparative Politics of Developing Countries	
POLI 432	Nationalism and Ethnicity in World Politics	

POLI 433	Economic Aspects of International Politics
RELG 354	Islamic Institutions and Traditions
SWAH 121	Elementary Swahili
SWAH 122	Basic Proficiency in Swahili

Total Credit Hours 9

Core Courses (6 Hours)

Course	Title	Credits
Select two courses from the following:		6
HIST 106	Introduction to African History	
GEOG 228	Geography of Sub-Saharan Africa	
ANTH 236	Cultures of Africa	

Total Credit Hours 6

Courses on North Africa and the Middle East (3-6 Hours)

Course	Title	Credits
Select two or three courses from the following:		3-6
ARAB 121	Elementary Arabic	
ARAB 122	Basic Proficiency in Arabic	
ARAB 201	Intermediate Arabic	
ARAB 202	Intermediate Arabic	
ARAB 398	Selected Topics	
HIST 104	Introduction to the Civilization of the Islamic Middle East	
HIST 348	North Africa from Colonialism to Revolution: 1830-1962	
HIST 349	The Contemporary Middle East and North Africa	
HIST 386	Islamic Institutions and Traditions	
RELG 354	Islamic Institutions and Traditions	

Total Credit Hours 3-6

Note: In addition, a student may petition the African Studies Program to apply special topic or independent study courses with substantial African content towards the minor.