

Minors

Africana Studies

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The minor in Africana studies broadens students' world perspectives by enhancing their acquaintance with and understanding of the peoples, issues of identities, and institutions of Africa as well as the African Diaspora in the western hemisphere. The Africana program engages interdisciplinary approaches to understand and to encounter African and the African Diaspora in a global context. The interdisciplinary character of the program is further enhanced by the fact that courses taken to fulfill program requirements are drawn from several departments. From these course offerings, students will examine and engage with some of Africana studies major contributing disciplines, concepts, methods and topics including the development of new identities.

The minor program in Africana studies is open to all undergraduate students at JMU. Courses taken to complete the Africana studies minor can also be used to satisfy the student's major, as well as General Education requirements.

The Africana studies minor requires:

- successful completion of 24 credit hours according to the requirements listed below.
- no more than nine of the 24 hours coming from 100- or 200-level courses
- no more than 12 of the 24 hours coming from a single discipline
- no more than six of the 24 hours coming from special topics, special studies or independent studies (typically courses listed as 490 within most majors, e.g., ANTH 490, GEOG 490, HIST 399, POSC 490, SOCI 490.)

Required Courses	Credit Hours
<i>GAFST</i> 200. Introduction to Africana Studies	3
Choose one from each of the following options:	6
Option I: Africa	
HIST 263. Introduction to African History	
ANTH 280. Peoples and Cultures of Sub-Saharan Africa	
Option II: African Descendants in the New World	
HIST 355. Afro-American History to 1865	
HIST 356. Afro-American History Since 1865	
ANTH 425. Afro-Latin America	
Choose four or more of the following courses, working toward a theme in your selections and not repeating courses from above. Courses not listed but that have Africa or African Diaspora content may be approved. ³	
ANTH 391. Study Abroad (must be in Africa or in Diaspora) ^{1,3}	
ANTH 395. Special Topics ^{1,3}	
ARTH 210/ <i>GHUM</i> 252. African Experience	
ARTH 410. African Art I	
ARTH 412. African Art II	
ARTH 419. Topics in African Art	
ARTH 489. Topics in Art and Art History	
ENG 358. Oral Literature ^{1,3}	
ENG 361. African-American Fiction Writers	

- ENG 362. African-American Poets
- ENG 412. Special Topics Seminar¹
- ENG 431. Studies in Caribbean Literature
- ENG 432. Studies in African Literature
- GENG* 260. Survey of African-American Literature
- GEOG 335. Geography of Africa
- GHUM* 252. Cross-Cultural Perspective: African Culture in the Humanities
- HIST 263. Introduction to African History
- HIST 355. Afro-American History to 1865
- HIST 356. Afro-American History Since 1865
- HIST 361/HON 200J. Class and Ethnicity in Africa
- HIST 391. Study Abroad (must be in Africa or in Diaspora)^{1,3}
- HIST 439. Selected Topics in American History^{1,3}
- HIST 470. Modern Africa
- HIST 489. Selected Topics in World History^{2,3}
- MUS 356. History of Jazz in America
- POSC 326. Civil Rights
- POSC 361. Contemporary Problems in International Affairs^{1,3}
- REL 330. African and African-American Religion
- SOCI 354. Social and Cultural Stratification
- SOCI 336. Race and Ethnic Relations
- SOCI 378. Introduction to Africa-Centered Critical Theory
- SOCI 379. Africentric Social Thought
- SOCI 391. Study Abroad (must be in Africa or in Diaspora)^{1,3}
- AFST 489. Senior Research Experience²

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1 Course topic and content must focus on Africa and be approved by the program director (s). 2 Research must have an African, African-American or Diaspora focus. 3 Course topic and content must focus on African descendants in the Western Hemisphere and be approved by the program director(s).

In addition to taking these courses, students are encouraged to participate in travel or study programs to Africa, the Caribbean and other relevant areas. Students who want to earn credit hours through participation in an accredited travel/study program are encouraged to do so with the prior approval of the program director(s).

American Studies

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The minor in American studies is based on the desirability of fostering an understanding of the whole of American civilization through study in a variety of fields and topics. Students will select courses in three groups: multicultural, ideas and the arts, and history and politics and from fields including literature, history, the fine arts, philosophy and the social sciences. The American studies program is a flexible one that students can relate to their own individual interests and needs while exploring the interrelationships among diverse aspects of American culture and its changing ideas and values.

The minor program in American studies is open to all undergraduate students at JMU. The requirement is the successful completion of 24 hours. Three of the 24 hours must consist of *GAMST* 200, Introduction to American Studies (previously AMST 250). No more than nine of the 24 hours may come from 100- or 200-level courses. Students must take two courses from each of the groups listed and one elective course chosen from any of the groups.

Core Requirements	Credit Hours	
<i>GAMST</i> 200. Introduction to American Studies	3	CHIN 101. Elementary Chinese
Elective: One course from any of the groups below	3	CHIN 102. Elementary Chinese
Multicultural Studies		CHIN 231. Intermediate Chinese
Choose two from the courses below:	6	CHIN 232. Intermediate Chinese
ANTH 312. The Native Americans		CHIN 300. Chinese Grammar and Communication
ANTH 265. People and Cultures in Latin America		CHIN 399. Intensive Reading and Writing in Chinese
<i>GENG</i> 260. Survey of African American Literature		ECON 312. Comparative Economic Systems
HIST 320. Women in United States History		ENG 427. Studies in South Asian Literature
HIST 355 or HIST 356. Afro-American History		FL 490. Beginning Hindi
REL 330. African and African-American Religion		FL 490. Advanced Hindi
SOC 336. Race and Ethnic Relations		FL 490. Advanced Japanese
Ideas and the Arts		KOR 101. Elementary Korean
Choose two from the courses below:	6	KOR 102. Elementary Korean
ARTH 480. American Art to 1870 or		KOR 231. Intermediate Korean
ARTH 482. American Art from 1870		KOR 232. Intermediate Korean
ARTH 484. Art of the Americas		GEOG 334. Geography of East and Southeast Asia
<i>GENG</i> 247. Survey of American Literature: From the		GEOG 338. Geography of the Philippine Islands: Problems and Possibilities
Beginning to the Civil War or		<i>GHUM</i> 200. Great Works – Asia
<i>GENG</i> 248. Survey of American Literature: From the		<i>GHUM</i> 252 Cross-Cultural Perspectives – East Asian Humanities
Civil War to the Modern Period		HIST 371. India
<i>GMUS</i> 203. Music in America		HIST 375. History of Modern Southeast Asia
SMAD 372. Media History		HIST 377. History of Korea
THEA 485. American Theatre History		HIST 379. Family and Gender in East Asia
PHIL 370. American Philosophy		HIST 460. Modern Japan
POSC 330. American Political Thought		HIST 480. Modern China
History and Politics		IBUS 238-I. Business Environment in China and Southeast Asia
Choose two from the courses below:	6	IBUS 238-II. Doing Business in China
<i>GHIST</i> 225. United States History		JAPN 101. Elementary Japanese
<i>GPOSC</i> 225. U.S. Government		JAPN 102. Elementary Japanese
HIST 310. American Business History or		JAPN 231. Intermediate Japanese
SOC 302. Business in American Society		JAPN 232. Intermediate Japanese
POSC 369. Political Parties and Elections or		POSC 355. East Asian Politics
POSC 385. Legislative Process		REL 310. Religions of India
SCOM 346. Free Speech		REL 312. Religions of East Asia
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		REL 314. Gandhi, Nonviolence and Global Transformation
		REL 317. Exploring Gandhian Philosophy of Nonviolence
		REL 318. Exploring Contemporary India
		REL/PHIL 385. Buddhist Thought

AMST 490 may be substituted with prior approval of the program coordinator.

Asian Studies

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The purpose of this interdisciplinary program is to broaden the students' perspective by enhancing their understanding and appreciation of Asian culture and institutions. This program combines the offerings of several academic units, such as anthropology, art and art history, economics, English, geographic science, history, international business, foreign languages, political science, and religion and philosophy.

The minimum requirement for a minor in Asian studies is 18 credit hours. These 18 hours can include any of the following courses. Special topics courses not listed can be applied to the minor degree with approval of the program coordinator. A maximum of eight hours of Chinese, Japanese, Korean or Hindi language may be included to satisfy credit hour requirements of the minor.

Courses	Credit Hours
ANTH 197. Archaeology	
ANTH 380. Chinese Society and Culture	
ARTH 430. Far Eastern Art	

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The following are prerequisites for entry into the biochemistry and molecular biology minor program:

BIO 214. Cell and Molecular Biology

CHEM 131-132. General Chemistry I-II

Choose from the following:

CHEM 131L-132L. General Chemistry Laboratories

CHEM 135L-136L. Special General Chemistry Laboratories

CHEM 341-342. Organic Chemistry

Choose from the following:

CHEM 346L. Organic Chemistry Laboratory

CHEM 387L-388L. Integrated Laboratory

Required Courses

Credit Hours