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

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<th>Course</th>
<th>Credit Hours</th>
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<td>GAFST 200. Introduction to Africana Studies</td>
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<td>Choose one from each of the following options:</td>
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<td>Option I: Africa</td>
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<td>HIST 263. Introduction to African History</td>
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<td>ANTH 280. Peoples and Cultures of Sub-Saharan Africa</td>
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<td>Option II: African Descendants in the New World</td>
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<td>HIST 355. Afro-American History to 1865</td>
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<td>ANTH 425. Afro-Latin America</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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| ANTH 391. Study Abroad (must be in Africa or in Diaspora) | 3
| ANTH 395. Special Topics                   | 3
| ARTH 210/GHUM 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                   | 3
| ENG 361. African-American Fiction Writers  | 3

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.

ENG 362. African-American Poets
ENG 412. Special Topics Seminar
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)
HIST 439. Selected Topics in American History
HIST 470. Modern Africa
HIST 489. Selected Topics in World History
MUS 356. History of Jazz in America
POSC 326. Civil Rights
POSC 361. Contemporary Problems in International Affairs
REL 330. African and African-American Religion
SDCI 354. Social and Cultural Stratification
SDCI 336. Race and Ethnic Relations
SDCI 378. Introduction to Africa-Centered Critical Theory
SDCI 379 Africentric Social Thought
SDCI 391. Study Abroad (must be in Africa or in Diaspora)
AFST 489. Senior Research Experience

In addition to 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).
Interdisciplinary Programs: Minors

Core Requirements
- GAMST 200. Introduction to American Studies 3
- Elective: One course from any of the groups below 3

Multicultural Studies
Choose two from the courses below: 6
- ANTH 312. The Native Americans
- ANTH 265. People and Cultures in Latin America
- GENG 260. Survey of African American Literature
- HIST 320. Women in United States History
- HIST 355 or HIST 356. Afro-American History
- SOCI 336. Race and Ethnic Relations

Ideas and the Arts
Choose two from the courses below: 6
- ARTH 480. American Art to 1870 or ARTH 482. American Art from 1870
- ARTH 484. Art of the Americas
- GENG 247. Survey of American Literature: From the Beginning to the Civil War or GENG 248. Survey of American Literature: From the Civil War to the Modern Period
- GMUS 203. Music in America
- SMAD 372. Media History
- THEA 485. American Theatre History
- PHIL 370. American Philosophy
- POSC 330. American Political Thought

History and Politics
Choose two from the courses below: 6
- GHIST 225. United States History
- POSC 225. U.S. Government
- HIST 310. American Business History or SOCI 302. Business in American Society
- POSC 369. Political Parties and Elections or POSC 385. Legislative Process
- SCOM 346. Free Speech

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.

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
- 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
- CHEM 131L-132L General Chemistry Laboratories
- CHEM 135L-136L Special General Chemistry Laboratories
- CHEM 341-342. Organic Chemistry

Required Courses
- CHEM 346L Organic Chemistry Laboratory
- CHEM 387L-388L Integrated Laboratory

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