

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 students major, as well as General Education requirements.

The Africana studies minor requires:

- successful completion of 22 credit hours according to the requirements listed below.
- no more than 12 of the 22 hours coming from a single discipline.

Required Courses	Credit Hours
<i>GAFST</i> 200. Introduction to Africana Studies	3
<i>AFST</i> 489. Senior Research Experience ²	1
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	
Choose four or more of the following courses, at least one of which must be at the 400-level.	16
ANTH 391. Study Abroad (must be in Africa or in Diaspora) ^{1,3}	
ANTH 395. Special Topics ^{1,3}	
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 History: African-American 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 Seminar ¹	
ENG 431. Studies in Caribbean Literature	
ENG 432. Studies in African Literature	
GENG 260. Survey of African-American Literature	
GEOG 335. Geography of Africa	
^{1,3} HUM 252. Cross-Cultural Perspective: African Culture in the Humanities	
HIST 263. Introduction to African History	

- HIST 307. The Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade
- HIST 341. Selected Topics in World History (when appropriate)
- 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/ANTH 436. Afro-Latin America
- 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 353. African Politics
- 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}
- SWA 102. Elementary Kiswahili

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1 Course topic and content must focus on Africa and be approved by the program director.

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.

Intermediate Swahili courses may count for credit in Africana Studies. Consult the coordinator for details.

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 studies, ideas and the arts, and history and politics—and from diverse 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. See the program coordinator for additional courses that may be substituted.