Minors

Students should be aware that most minors have prerequisites, meaning that certain courses must be completed before a student can enroll in other courses. Consult with the minor adviser for additional information and recommendations for scheduling.

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. The Africana program engages cross disciplinary approaches to understand and to encounter Africa and the African Diaspora in a global context. The cross disciplinary 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 key 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. The requirement is the successful completion of 19 credit hours according to the requirements listed below. Other appropriate courses not listed above may be considered for the minor. Please consult program coordinator.

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 coordinator.

The Africana studies minor requires:

- successful completion of 19 credit hours according to the requirements listed below.
- no more than nine hours from a single discipline.

Required Courses Credit Hours

| AFST 200. Introduction to Africana Studies | 3 |
| AFST 489. Senior Research Experience ¹ | 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. African-American History to 1865
- HIST 356. African-American History Since 1865
- ANTH/HIST 436. Afro-Latin America

Choose four or more of the following courses, at least one of which must be at the 400-level.

- AFST 400. Selected Topics in Africana Studies
- ANTH 391. Study Abroad (must be in Africa or in Diaspora) ²
- ANTH 395. Special Topics ¹
- ARTH 210/310. African Experience
- ARTH 310. African Art: The Sahara and Northern Sahel
- ARTH 312. African Art: Sub-Saharan
- ARTH 418. Modern and Contemporary African Art
- ARTH 419. Topics in African Art
- ARTH 424. Arts of Ancient Egypt
- ARTH/AFST 488. African American Art
- ARTH 489. Topics in Art History ¹
- ENG 260. Survey of African American Literature
- ENG 358. Oral Literature ¹
- ENG 361. African American Fiction Writers
- ENG 362. African American Poets
- ENG 408. Advanced Studies in African-American Literature
- ENG 412. Special Topics Seminar ¹
- ENG 431. Studies in Caribbean Literature
- ENG 432. Studies in African Literature
- GEOG 335. Geography of Africa
- GEOG 339. Geography of the Caribbean
- GHUM 252. Cross-Cultural Perspective: African Culture in the Humanities ¹
- HIST 263. Introduction to African History
- HIST 307. The Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade
- HIST 341. Selected Topics in World History (when appropriate)
- HIST 355. African-American History to 1865
- HIST 356. African-American History Since 1865
- HIST 391. Study Abroad (must be in Africa or in Diaspora) ²
- HIST/ANTH 436. Afro-Latin America
- HIST 439. Selected Topics in African History ¹
- HIST 470. Modern Africa
- HIST 489. Selected Topics in World History ¹, ²
- MUS 356. History of Jazz in America
- POSC 326. Civil Rights
- POSC 353. African Politics
- POSC 361. Contemporary Problems in International Affairs ¹
- SOCI 336. Race and Ethnic Relations
- SOCI 354. Social Inequality
- SOCI 391. Study Abroad (must be in Africa or in Diaspora) ¹
- SWA 101-490. Kiswahili

¹ Course topic and content must focus on Africa and/or the African Diasporas as well as be approved by the program coordinator(s).
² Research must have an African and/or African Diaspora focus.

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 AMST 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.

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Courses Credit Hours
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 265. People and Cultures in Latin America and the Caribbean
ANTH 312. The Native Americans
GENG 260. Survey of African American Literature
HIST 320. Women in United States History
HIST 355 or HIST 356. Afro-American History
REL 330. African and African-American Religion
SOCI 336. Race and Ethnicity
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
MUSIC 203. Music in America
PHIL 370. American Philosophy
POSC 330. American Political Thought
SMAD 372. Media History
THEA 485. American Theatre
History and Politics
Choose two from the courses below: 6
HIST 225. United States History
POSC 225. U.S. Government
HIST 310. American Business History
POSC 369. Political Parties and Elections or
POSC 385. The U.S. Congress
SOM 346. Free Speech in America
Program director may approve course substitutions, including AMST 490.

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The purpose of this cross disciplinary 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, design and art history, economics, English, geography, 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 295. Peoples and Cultures of East Asia
ARTH 430. Far Eastern Art
CHIN 101. Elementary Chinese
CHIN 102. Elementary Chinese
CHIN 231. Intermediate Chinese
CHIN 232. Intermediate Chinese
CHIN 300. Chinese Grammar and Communication
CHIN 397. Intensive Reading and Writing in Chinese
CHIN 490. Special Studies in Chinese
ECON 312. Comparative Economic Systems
ENG 378. Studies in South Asian Literature
GEOG 334. Geography of East and Southeast Asia
GEOG 338. Geography of the Philippine Islands: Problems and Possibilities
GUM 200. Great Works – Asia
GUM 252 Cross-Cultural Perspectives – East Asian Humanities
GUM 252 Cross-Cultural Perspectives – Global South Asia
HIST 273. East Asia to 1600
HIST 274. Modern East Asia
HIST 371. India
HIST 375. History of Modern Southeast Asia
HIST 377. History of Korea
HIST 378. China in the Modern World
HIST 379. Family and Gender in East Asia
HIST 460. Modern Japan
IBUS 298-I. Business Environment in China and Southeast Asia
IBUS 298-II. Doing Business in China
JAPN 101. Elementary Japanese
JAPN 102. Elementary Japanese
JAPN 111. Intensive Japanese I
JAPN 112. Intensive Japanese II
JAPN 231. Intermediate Japanese
JAPN 232. Intermediate Japanese
JAPN 300. Japanese Grammar and Communication
KOR 101. Elementary Korean
KOR 102. Elementary Korean
KOR 231. Intermediate Korean
KOR 232. Intermediate Korean
POSC 395. East Asian Politics
REL 310. Hindu Traditions
REL 312. Religions of East Asia
REL 313. Hindu Ethics
REL 314. Gandhi, Nonviolence and Global Transformation
REL 317. Exploring Gandhian Philosophy of Nonviolence
REL 318. Exploring Contemporary India
REL/PHIL 395. Buddhist Thought

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The biochemistry and molecular biology minor is open to students not majoring in biotechnology. 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 241-242. Organic Chemistry
Choose from the following:
CHEM 242L. Organic Chemistry Laboratory
CHEM 287L-288L. Integrated Laboratory

Required Courses Credit Hours
BIO 224. Genetics and Development 4
BIO 480. Advanced Molecular Biology 4
CHEM/BIO 361. Biochemistry I 3
CHEM 362. Biochemistry II 3
CHEM 366L. Biochemistry Laboratory 2

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