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, the issues of identities and the 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. 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 19 credit hours according to the requirements listed below.
- No more than nine hours from a single discipline.

**Required Courses**

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Choose five, one of which must be at the 400 level.

**Credit Hours**

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ARTH 424. Arts of Ancient Egypt
ARTH/AFST 488. African American Art
ARTH 489. Topics in Art History¹
ENG 260. Survey of African American Literature
ENG 358. Oral Literature¹
ENG 361. African American Fiction Writers
ENG 362. African American Poets
ENG 408. Advanced Studies in African American Literature
ENG 412. Special Topics Seminar¹
ENG 431. Studies in Caribbean Literature
ENG 432. Studies in African Literature
GEOG 335. Geography of Africa
GEOG 339. Geography of the Caribbean
HUM 252. Global Cultures: African Culture in the Humanities¹
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 361. Class and Ethnicity in Africa
HIST 391. Study Abroad (must be in Africa or in Diaspora)¹
HIST/ANTH 436. Afro-Latin America
HIST 439. Selected Topics in American History¹
HIST 470. Modern Africa
HIST 489. Selected Topics in World History¹, ²
MUS 356. History of Jazz in America
POSC 326. Civil Rights
POSC 353. African Politics
POSC 361. Contemporary Problems in International Affairs¹
REL 330. Religions of Africa and the African Diaspora
REL 336. African-American Religions
SOCI 336. Race and Ethnic Relations
SOCI 354. Social Inequity
SOCI 391. Study Abroad (must be in Africa or in Diaspora)¹
SWA 101-490. Kiswahili

¹ Course topic and content must focus on the peoples of 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.

Other appropriate courses not listed above may be considered for the minor. Consult with 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 prior approval of the coordinator.