

# AFRICANA AND AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES MINOR

<http://cola.unh.edu/interdisciplinary-studies/program/afam>

## Description

The Africana and African American studies minor provides students with an interdisciplinary approach to central issues in African, African Diaspora, Caribbean, and African American history, literature, and culture. The minor permits students to concentrate in one of these areas or to combine courses from among the many offerings to create a distinctive program.

The Africana and African American studies minor encompasses the multidisciplinary and comparative study of African history and culture, and the study of the African Diaspora throughout the world, from Europe to Asia as well as to North and South America. The program recognizes the global and transnational dimensions of contemporary African Diasporic experiences in the United States, the Caribbean, and Latin American nations. It thus offers a wide variety of courses that are taught across several disciplines in the University. Students are strongly encouraged to select courses reflecting the breadth of offerings in the minor across the University of New Hampshire's undergraduate curriculum.

The program presents strong offerings in Africana studies because an understanding of Africa is central to the study of the African Diaspora. The program also features many courses in African American Studies because many aspects of African American history and culture have been central to the development of the United States, highlighting both the nation's problems and its promise, and affecting virtually all areas of academic study through the years, from the humanities and social sciences to the physical sciences. Students are encouraged to take courses from a variety of departments and disciplines. The minor therefore is designed to serve the needs of all students, regardless of their ethnic or cultural background, complementing their work in their major fields of study while serving also as a focused corrective to traditionally marginalized approaches to Africana, African Diasporic, Caribbean, and African American experiences.

Africana and African American studies consists of five 4-credit courses, including one course from a list of introductory courses related to the student's choice of concentration and four other approved offerings. Students must take at least one course at the 600 or 700 level. The required introductory course provides students with a general understanding of the broad and diverse spectrum of Africana and African American subjects. Electives enable students to develop their understanding in more focused courses (listed below) in various fields of study. There is an opportunity to earn credits toward the minor through a study abroad experience in Ghana in West Africa. (Contact the Center for the Humanities for details.) There is also an independent study option under the AFAM 795 Independent Study designation, which allows a student to work closely with a faculty member on a research project and/or internship relevant to any aspect of Africana and African American Studies. Students must earn a C- or better in each course, and maintain a 2.0 grade-point average in courses taken for the minor. Electives may include special topics courses as approved by the program, a senior seminar, internship, or study abroad credits.

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## Requirements

### Introductory Courses

Select one of the following:	4
ANTH/INCO 450	Introduction to Race, Culture, and Power
ANTH 500	Peoples and Cultures of the World (Only topic D) Sub-Saharan Africa)
ENGL 517	Introduction to African American Literature and Culture
ENGL 609	Ethnicity in America: The African American Experience in the 20th Century
HIST 505 or HIST 506	African American History
HIST 587	History of Africa from the Earliest Times to 1870
HIST 588	History of Modern Africa: 1870 to the Present
HIST 444D	Slavery and Society in Pre-Colonial Africa

### Elective Courses

Select four elective courses <sup>1</sup>	16
Total Credits	20

<sup>1</sup> Electives are approved for the minor and announced each semester on the Africana and African American studies website. Courses that are partly devoted to the concerns of Africana and African American studies may count for the minor, if the instructor will allow the student to focus a significant amount of coursework on this field of study. Approval by both the minor coordinator and the course instructor is required for such courses.

### Pre-approved Electives

ANTH 500	Peoples and Cultures of the World (Only topic B) South America)	4
ANTH 500	Peoples and Cultures of the World (Only topic D) Sub-Saharan Africa)	4
ANTH #627	Urbanization in Africa	4
EDUC 797	Special Topics in Education (Teaching Race)	4
ENGL 581 & 581H	Introduction to Postcolonial Literatures in English and Honors/Introduction to Postcolonial Literatures in English	8
ENGL 609	Ethnicity in America: The African American Experience in the 20th Century	4
ENGL 681	Introduction to African Literatures in English	4
FREN #526	Introduction to Francophone Cultures	4
FREN 676	Topics in Francophone Culture	4
HDFS 757	Race, Class, Gender, and Families	4
HIST 444D	Slavery and Society in Pre-Colonial Africa	4
HIST 497	Explorations in Historical Perspectives	4
HIST 587	History of Africa from the Earliest Times to 1870	4

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HIST 588	History of Modern Africa: 1870 to the Present	4
HIST #589	Islam in Africa	4
HIST 600	Explorations (only topic Race, Gender, Science, and African-American Experience)	4
HIST 611	Civil War Era	4
HIST #625	Southern History and Literature since the Civil War	4
HIST #684	History of Southern Africa since 1652	4
MUSI 460	Jazz Band	1
PSYC 791	Advanced Topics (only topic Psychology of Race)	4
SOC #745	Race, Ethnicity, and Inequality	4
WS 401	Introduction to Women's Studies	4
WS 595	Special Topics	4