**Minor in African American Studies**

The minor in African American studies provides an interdisciplinary approach to the political, cultural, historical, and social experiences of African Americans in the United States. Research methods drawn from several disciplines enable students to enhance their understanding of African Americans’ unique social circumstances and heritage, and acquire a deeper comprehension of the politics, culture, and history of the nations as a whole.

All students pursuing a minor in African American Studies must complete 18 semester credit hours, at least 12 hours of which must be at the upper-division level.

A. 6 semester credit hours selected from the following required course:
   - AAS 2013 Introduction to African American Studies
   - or
   - AMS 2103 Introduction to African American Studies
   - AAS 4013 Topics in African American Studies

B. 3 semester credit hours selected from the following:
   - AAS 3013 African American Modes of Expression
   - AMS 3343 Studies in Race and Ethnicity
   - ENG 3613 African American Literature
   - POL 1213 Topics in Texas and American Politics: Civil Rights
   - POL 3073 African American Politics
   - POL 3083 Race and Ethnic Politics in the United States
   - SOC 3043 Race and Ethnic Relations

C. 9 semester credit hours selected from the following categories (i.e., 3 semester credit hours from categories 1, 2, and 3 below):
   1. 3 semester credit hours of politics, economy, or geography:
      - GRC 1023 World Regional Geography (When subtitled: African American and African focus)
      - GRC 3213 Cultural Geography
      - GRC 3513 Urban Geography
      - POL 1213 Topics in Texas and American Politics: Civil Rights
      - POL 3073 African American Politics
      - POL 3083 Race and Ethnic Politics in the United States
      - POL 3203 African American Political Thought
      - POL 3303 Race, Ethnicity and Public Policy
      - POL 3573 Politics of the Contemporary City

Other course substitutions require pre-approval of the advisor and program director.
2. 3 semester credit hours of history, law, or society:

AMS  3343  Studies in Race and Ethnicity
EDU  2103  Social foundations for Education in a Diverse U.S. Society
HIS  3133  Themes in the Social History of the United States
HIS  3563  African American History of the Civil War
HIS  3573  African American History since the Civil War
HIS  3603  Africa in Colonial and Post-Colonial Contexts
HIS  3613  African Polities, States, and Empires
HIS  3623  History of the Civil Rights Movement
LGS  3113  Blacks, Chicanos, and the Law
POL  3023  Civil Liberties in American Law and Practice (when subtitled “Focus on the Black Experience” in class schedule)
SOC  3043  Race and Ethnic Relations
SOC  3383  Sociology of the African American Community

Other course substitutions require pre-approval of the advisor and program director.

3. 3 semester credit hours of expressive culture
(literacy, cultural, and artistic practices):

AAS  3013  African American Modes of Expression
AMS  3343  Studies in Race and Ethnicity
BBL  2033  Cultural of the Southwest
BBL  3403  Cultural and Linguistic Diversity in a Pluralistic Society
ENG  2383  Multiethnic Literatures of the United States
ENG  3613  African American Literature
ENG  4713  Topics in African American Literature
MUS  2663  History and Styles of Jazz

Other course substitutions require pre-approval of the advisor and program director.

Students may take the following courses under sections C with approval of program director:

AAS  4913  Independent Study
AAS  4933  Internship in African American Studies

To declare a Minor in African American Studies, obtain advice, or seek approval of substitutions for course requirements, students should consult the College of Education and Human Development Advising and Certification Center.