

AFRICANA STUDIES - MINOR

College of Sciences and Humanities
 Department of Africana Studies
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About This Program

The Africana Studies minor introduces students to the experiences and accomplishments of people of African descent, wherever they may be throughout the world. The minor complements majors that prepare students to work in areas such as education, law, law enforcement, public service, social work, research, foreign service, business and community development.

Beyond the required courses, students may choose to focus on history, diaspora studies, politics, language, culture, arts or a general program.

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Program Delivery

- **Delivery:**
 - In person
- **Location:**
 - Kent Campus

Admission Requirements

Admission to a minor is open to students declared in a bachelor’s degree, the A.A.B. or A.A.S. degree or the A.T.S. degree (not Individualized Program major). Students declared only in the A.A. or A.S. degree or the A.T.S. degree in Individualized Program may not declare a minor. Students may not pursue a minor and a major in the same discipline.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Minor Requirements		
AFS 23001	BLACK EXPERIENCE I: BEGINNINGS TO 1865 (DIVG) (KHUM)	3
or AFS 23002	BLACK EXPERIENCE II: 1865 TO PRESENT (DIVD) (KHUM)	
AFS 37001	THEORETICAL APPROACHES TO AFRICANA STUDIES	3
Arts and Culture Electives, choose from the following:		6
AFS 20001	INTRODUCTION TO AFRICANA STUDIES	
AFS 20300	BLACK IMAGES	
AFS 30001	CULTURAL EXPRESSIONS I	
AFS 30310	BLACK HOLLYWOOD	
AFS 30311	HIP HOP. THE SOCIAL, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC INFLUENCES	
AFS 37100	AFRICANA WOMEN’S LITERATURE (DIVG)	
or ENG 33013	AFRICANA WOMEN’S LITERATURE (DIVG)	
Thematic Area Elective, choose from the following:		3

AFS 26010	BLACK LIVES MATTER: THE CONTINUED STRUGGLE FOR BLACK LIBERATION
AFS 37000	ORAL AND WRITTEN DISCOURSES IN AFRICANA STUDIES (WIC)
AFS 37150	SECRET AND MAROON SOCIETIES IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THE INSTITUTION OF SLAVERY
AFS 47100	RACE, GENDER AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 15

Graduation Requirements

Minimum Minor GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
2.000	2.000

- Minimum 6 credit hours in the minor must be upper-division coursework (30000 and 40000 level).
- Minimum 6 credit hours in the minor must be outside of the course requirements for any major or other minor the student is pursuing.
- Minimum 50 percent of the total credit hours for the minor must be taken at Kent State (in residence).

Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Understand the historical experiences of people of African descent.
2. Interact with diverse communities and be informed and engaged global citizens.
3. Relate current political and social issues facing the Africana world to global historical events.
4. Read, analyze and critically articulate the contemporary socioeconomic, political and cultural issues facing people of African descent.