

# RACE, GENDER AND SOCIAL JUSTICE - GRADUATE MINOR

College of Arts and Sciences  
 Department of Africana Studies  
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## About This Program

The Race, Gender and Social Justice graduate minor allows students to develop a global understanding of the complex inter-sectional systems of oppression that shape the lives of people of African descent, including other people of color. Students also gain specialized knowledge in the interdisciplinary field of Africana studies. In enhancing civic engagement as an interdisciplinary minor, the minor includes a focus on public policy, policy advocacy and the practice and methodology of community activism. The knowledge and skills gained through the minor prepares students for professional and academic positions.

The minor is designed for master’s and doctoral students who wish to complement and strengthen their research and pedagogical framework in their degree program, as well as those who are interested in working towards equity with regard to gender, race, class, sexuality and other categories.

## Contact Information

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## Program Delivery

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

For more information about graduate admissions, visit the graduate admission website. For more information on international admissions, visit the international admission website.

## Admission Requirements

- Admitted to any Kent State graduate degree program
- Minimum 2.750 undergraduate GPA on a 4.000 point scale
- Statement of purpose related to the student’s focus in the minor
- One letter of recommendation from the student’s faculty advisor

## Program Requirements

### Minor Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Minor Requirements</b>		
AFS 57100	RACE, GENDER AND SOCIAL JUSTICE	3
AFS 57122	SEMINAR IN ACTIVISM AND SOCIAL CHANGE	3
Minor Electives, choose from the following: 3		
AFS 53100	RACE, CLASS AND FEMINIST THOUGHT	
AFS 57144	BLACK SOCIAL AND POLITICAL THOUGHT	
ENG 66103	ETHNIC LITERATURE OF THE UNITED STATES	

ENG 66104	AFRICAN-AMERICAN LITERATURE
ENG 66302	POST-COLONIAL LITERATURE IN ENGLISH
GEOG 52070	SEMINAR IN ETHNIC, LIFESTYLE AND NATIONAL COMMUNITIES
HIST 58800	SEMINAR IN MODERN AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY
PHIL 51020	SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY
POL 60106	URBAN POLICY AND POLITICS
SOC 62546	SOCIAL INEQUALITY
SOC 62566	SOCIOLOGY OF GENDER
SOC 62870	SOCIOLOGY OF RACE AND ETHNICITY

**Minimum Total Credit Hours:** 9

## Graduation Requirements

Minimum Minor GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
3.000	3.000

## Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Gain critical knowledge in the areas of race, gender and social justice.
2. Demonstrate understanding and apply key frameworks, concepts, theories and/or methodologies in the field.
3. Demonstrate knowledge of collaborative action and its impact on equity and social change.
4. Demonstrate the ability to design and implement an independent research project.
5. Be prepared to be successful in professional and academic positions that utilize inclusive and anti-oppression frameworks.