

PAN-AFRICAN STUDIES - MINOR

College of Arts and Sciences
Department of Africana Studies
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Fully Offered

- Kent Campus

Description

The Pan-African Studies minor introduces students to the experiences and accomplishments of people of African descent, wherever they may be in 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.

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 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 socio-economic, political, and cultural issues facing people of African descent.

Program Requirements

Minor Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
AFS 22200 or AFS 33200 or AFS 34000	INTRODUCTION TO THE AFRICAN ARTS ANCIENT AFRICAN CIVILIZATIONS INTRODUCTION TO AFRICAN WORLD VIEW (DIVG)	3
AFS 23001	BLACK EXPERIENCE I: BEGINNINGS TO 1865 (DIVG) (KHUM)	3

AFS 23002	BLACK EXPERIENCE II: 1865 TO PRESENT (DIVD) (KHUM)	3
AFS 35200	AFRICAN SOCIAL AND POLITICAL SYSTEMS	3
AFS 37000	ORAL AND WRITTEN DISCOURSES IN AFRICANA STUDIES (WIC)	3
AFS 37001	THEORETICAL APPROACHES TO AFRICANA STUDIES	3
Africana Studies (AFS) Upper-Division Elective (30000 or 40000 level)		3
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		21

Graduation Requirements

Minimum Minor GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
2.000	2.000

- Students must complete at least two upper-division (30000 or 40000 level) courses in the minor at Kent State on a graded basis (A-F).
- 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).