African Studies Minor

The African Studies Minor, which is part of the International & Area Studies IDP, is designed for students who wish to augment their major with concerted study of the history, culture, and society of Africa from an interdisciplinary and modern perspective.

Minor Preparation Requirements: 3 Lower Division Courses

Preparation Courses

- Introduction to International & Area Studies (1 course)
  International & Area Studies 1

- International Societies & Cultures (2 courses)
  Anthropology 9 • Comparative Literature 1D (or 2DW or 4DW) • Economics 1, 2 • Ethnomusicology 5, 25 • Geography 3, 4, 6 • History 2B, 22 • Political Science 50 (or 5OR) • Sociology 1 • World Arts & Cultures 20, 33

Area Preparation: Students may substitute an area preparation course towards the International Societies & Cultures preparation requirement. This course may be selected from the following list: Afrikaans 40 • Art History 28 • Ethnomusicology 20B • French 60 • History 10B, 97J • Portuguese 40A

Minor Requirements: 5 Upper Division Courses

Area Studies-Group 1

- Humanities & Arts (2 courses)
  Afrikaans 135 • Art History C145A, C145B • Ethnomusicology 136A, C136B, 161E† • French 121, 142 • World Arts & Cultures 134

- Social Sciences (2 courses)

- Additional Elective (1 course)
  One additional course selected from the Area Studies-Group 1 courses, listed above, or one course from the Area Studies-Group 2 courses, listed below.
Area Studies-Group 2: The Area Studies Electives listed in Group 1 focus on contemporary issues of that region (post-1750). However, students may substitute a maximum of 1 upper division course focusing on earlier historical aspects of the region or on diasporas with origins related to the region toward the Area Studies Additional Elective category. This course may be selected from the following list:

- Ancient Near East M130, 150B, C165
- Art History M110A, M110B
- French 160
- Geography 114
- History M103A, M103B, 166A, 168A
- World Arts & Cultures C139

Note that students may partially fulfill the Upper Division requirements for the African Studies minor by participating in a suitable International Institute Summer Travel Study program. These programs consist of two courses in and on a particular region of the world. Please consult the Academic Counselor for more information on available programs.

- All courses used towards the minor (including preparation for the minor courses) must be taken for a letter grade.
- One Upper Division Language course (Advanced Level) may be applied to Humanities and Arts Elective courses by petition to the Chair of the program.
- The minimum UC GPA for preparation courses is 2.00. The minimum GPA for upper division courses is 2.00.
- No more than two Upper Division courses may be applied toward both this minor and the student’s major or another minor.
- Courses designated with a “†” are 2-unit courses and must either be taken twice- or two courses from the same category (if applicable) may be taken- to count as one 4-unit course.
- Students must request that the African Studies Minor be added to their records once all preparation requirements have been completed. Successful completion of the minor is indicated on the transcript and diploma.

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