

# AFRICAN STUDIES MAJOR CONCENTRATION (B.A.) (36 CREDITS)

**Offered by:** Islamic Studies (Faculty of Arts)

**Degree:** Bachelor of Arts; Bachelor of Arts and Science

**Program credit weight:** 36

## Program Description

The Major Concentration African Studies provides students with an interdisciplinary approach to the study of the African continent.

Students wishing to major in African Studies should consult the Program Adviser at the beginning of their first academic year. In the African Studies Major concentration, students will be encouraged to identify an area within a discipline of the Faculty, taking as many relevant courses as possible in that field.

### Degree Requirements — B.A. students

To be eligible for a B.A. degree, a student must fulfil all Faculty and program requirements as indicated in Degree Requirements for the Faculty of Arts.

We recommend that students consult an Arts OASIS advisor for degree planning.

### Degree Requirements — B.A. & Sc. students

***This program is offered as part of a Bachelor of Arts & Science (B.A. & Sc.) degree.***

To graduate, students must satisfy both their program requirements and their degree requirements.

- The program requirements (i.e., the specific courses that make up this program) are listed under the Course Tab (above).
- The degree requirements—including the mandatory Foundation program, appropriate degree structure, and any additional components—are outlined on the Degree Requirements page.

Students are responsible for ensuring that this program fits within the overall structure of their degree and that all degree requirements are met. Consult the Degree Planning Guide on the SOUSA website for additional guidance.

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## Required Courses (6 credits)

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Course	Title	Credits
AFRI 200	Introduction to African Studies.	3
AFRI 598	Research Seminar in African Studies.	3

## Complementary Courses (30 credits)

30 credits selected as follows:

9 credits from the Group A or "core" course list and

21 credits from the Group B course list drawn from at least 3 disciplines with no more than 9 credits from any one discipline.

If courses listed below are not available in any particular year, modifications to the program may be made with the approval of the Program Adviser.

Students who wish to obtain program credit for other courses with African content should seek approval from the Program Adviser. African content may be found in certain courses offered in Islamic Studies and Religious Studies.

### Group A

9 credits from:

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Course	Title	Credits
ANTH 322	Social Change in Modern Africa.	3
HIST 200	Introduction to African History.	3
HIST 201	Modern African History.	3
POLI 324	Comparative Politics of Africa.	3

### Group B

21 credits from the Group B course lists below drawn from at least 3 disciplines with no more than 9 credits from any one discipline.

#### African Studies

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Course	Title	Credits
AFRI 401	Swahili Language and Culture.	3
AFRI 480	Honours Thesis.	3
AFRI 481	Special Topics 1.	3
AFRI 499	Arts Internships: African Studies.	3
HIST 579D1	Seminar: African History.	3
HIST 579D2	Seminar: African History.	3

#### Anthropology

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Course	Title	Credits
ANTH 212	Anthropology of Development.	3
ANTH 322	Social Change in Modern Africa.	3
ANTH 411	Primate Studies and Conservation.	3
ANTH 416	Environment/Development: Africa.	3

#### Economics

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Course	Title	Credits
ECON 208	Microeconomic Analysis and Applications.	3
ECON 313	Economic Development 1.	3
ECON 416	Topics in Economic Development 2.	3

### English

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Course	Title	Credits
ENGL 320	Postcolonial Literature. <sup>1</sup>	3
ENGL 352	Theories of Difference. <sup>1</sup>	3
ENGL 421	African Literature.	3

<sup>1</sup> Note: Course is counted only when African materials are taught.

### Geography

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Course	Title	Credits
GEOG 216	Geography of the World Economy.	3
GEOG 403	Global Health and Environmental Change.	3
GEOG 404	Environmental Management 2.	3
GEOG 408	Geography of Development.	3
GEOG 410	Geography of Underdevelopment: Current Problems.	3
GEOG 416	Africa South of the Sahara.	3

### History

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Course	Title	Credits
HIST 200	Introduction to African History.	3
HIST 201	Modern African History.	3
HIST 381	Colonial Africa.	3
HIST 382	History of South Africa.	3
HIST 498	Independent Research.	3
HIST 528	Indian Ocean World Slave Trade.	3

### Islamic Studies

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Course	Title	Credits
ISLA 221D1	Introductory Arabic.	4.5
ISLA 221D2	Introductory Arabic.	4.5
ISLA 360	Islam and Politics in Africa	3
ISLA 410	History: Middle-East 1798-1918.	3

### Political Science

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Course	Title	Credits
POLI 227	Introduction to Comparative Politics - Global South.	3
POLI 324	Comparative Politics of Africa.	3
POLI 522	Seminar: Comparative Politics 1. <sup>1</sup>	3

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### Sociology

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Course	Title	Credits
SOCI 365	Health and Development.	3
SOCI 370	Sociology: Gender and Development.	3
SOCI 446	Colonialism and Society.	3
SOCI 484	Emerging Democratic States.	3
SOCI 513	Social Aspects HIV/AIDS in Africa.	3
SOCI 550	Developing Societies.	3