

AFRICAN STUDIES MINOR CONCENTRATION (B.A.) (18 CREDITS)

Offered by: Islamic Studies (Faculty of Arts)

Degree: Bachelor of Arts; Bachelor of Arts and Science

Program credit weight: 18

Program Description

The Minor Concentration African Studies is available for those students majoring in a discipline of the Faculty of Arts who wish to acquire interdisciplinary knowledge of Africa.

This program may be expanded to the Major Concentration African Studies.

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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 (12 credits)

12 credits selected as follows:

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

9 credits from the Group B course list drawn from at least 2 disciplines with no more than 6 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

3 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

9 credits from the Group B course lists below drawn from at least 2 disciplines with no more than 6 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. ¹	3
ENGL 352	Theories of Difference. ¹	3
ENGL 421	African Literature.	3

¹ 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 . ¹	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