

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.

Note: For information about Fall 2025 and Winter 2026 course offerings, please check back on May 8, 2025. Until then, the "Terms offered" field will appear blank for most courses while the class schedule is being finalized.

Required Courses (6 credits)

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| Course | Title | Credits |
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| 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 |
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| ANTH 322 | Social Change in Modern Africa. | 3 |
| HIST 200 | Introduction to African History. | 3 |

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| 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 |
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| 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 |
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| 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 |
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| 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 |
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| 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 |
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| 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 |
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| 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 |
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| 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 |
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| 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 |
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| 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 |