



WHAT IS BLACK STUDIES?

Black Studies is a student-centered, academic and community service program designed to provide students with an interdisciplinary study of the lives of African Americans and Africans throughout the diaspora, as well as their contributions to humanity. Goals of the program include the improvement of race relations and the eradication of stereotypes.

Skills we teach:

Our minors develop a number of skills that contribute to their lives, their majors, and the world, including:

- Written and verbal communication
- Critical thinking
- Understanding the cultural and historical experiences of African American, African, and American people
- Analyzing social and economic development
- Integrating diversity
- Researching

Careers for our minors:

Our minors are prepared for careers in a variety of sectors, including work as an:

- Activist or Civil Rights Advocate
- Community Organizer
- Cross-Cultural Communicator
- Diversity Coordinator
- Employment or School Counselor
- Historian
- Journalist
- Lawyer or Policy Analyst
- Political Lobbyist
- Professor
- Public Affairs Officer
- Social Worker

REQUIREMENTS FOR BLACK STUDIES MINOR

Core Requirements (15 credits)

Black Studies Foundation

- BLS 100 Introduction to Black Studies - SB (3 credits)

Historical Perspective

- HIS 336 History of Modern Africa (3 credits) OR
- HIS 417 Civil War and Reconstruction, 1860-1877 (3 credits)

Literary Perspective

- ENG 217 African-American Literature to 1940 (3 credits) OR
- ENG 218 African-American Literature 1940-Present (3 credits) OR
- ENG 300 American Women Poets (3 credits)

Artistic Perspective

- MUS 107 Survey of Afro-American Music (3 credits) OR
- POP 305 Black Popular Culture (3 credits) OR
- TAR 102 Race, Gender and Theatre - SB (3 credits)

Social Perspective

- JUS 231 Race, Gender and Crime - AH (3 credits) OR
- SOC 300 Race and Ethnic Relations (3 credits) OR
- SOC 301 World Patterns of Race Ethnicity (3 credits)

Electives (6 credits)

- BLS 494 Topics: Black Studies (1-3 credits)
- CMST 355 Culture and Communication (3 credits)
- EDU 316 Racism and Sexism in Educational Institutions - SB (3 credits)
- HIS 394 Special Topics in History (1-3 credits) (When topic is appropriate)
- HSR 303 Multicultural Issues in Human Services (3 credits)
- LDR 460 Leading in Diverse and Global Contexts (3 credits)
- MGT 320 Managing a Diverse Workforce (3 credits)
- PHI 324 African Philosophy (3 credits)
- PSC 366 Politics of Africa (3 credits)



To complete the minor, students must earn 21 semester credit hours. In each course, at least a "C" must be earned to obtain credit toward the minor. Finally, the offering of these courses will vary based on the various departments or programs in which the classes are housed.