African American Studies

African American Studies (AAS) brings together an interdisciplinary community of scholars to offer courses leading to a minor. Our faculty is committed to exploring creative approaches to research and teaching by making the study of African Americans a central element in their scholarship and courses. Our faculty also promote research across departmental boundaries, thereby producing scholarship touching upon politics, identify, religion, and other variables. The interdisciplinary methodology of AAS informs students who work in a variety of disciplines, including history, political science, sociology, anthropology, music, economics, literature, education, and psychology. While the majority of our courses examine the history and culture of African Americans, the minor concentration also enables students to study Africans in the homeland and the Diaspora.

The interdisciplinary minor consists of 18 credit hours offered in African American Studies, with the cooperation of several departments within the College of Arts & Sciences. To earn the minor students are required to take AAS 1063. They must also take at least 3 credit hours in the categories of Literature and Fine Arts, 3 in the Social Sciences, at least 6 hours in the Humanities, and one 3-hour elective at the 3000 or 4000 level.

Required Course		
AAS 1063	Introduction to African American Studies	3
Literature and Fine Arts		
Choose one of the following:		3
AAS 1103	African American Music	
AAS 4343	Studies in African American Literature	
Humanities		
Choose two of the following:		6
AAS 3013	African American History to 1865	
AAS 3023	African American History since 1865	
AAS 4093	The African Diaspora	
AAS 4363	African-American History and Culture	
AAS 4373	History of Modern Civil Rights Movement	
AAS 4383	African American Leadership in the Twentieth Century	
AAS 4783	African Civilization to 1880	
AAS 4793	Modern Africa	
Social Sciences		
Choose one of the following:		3
AAS 2203	Cultural and Racial Minorities	
AAS 3043	Modern Civil Rights Law	
AAS 4273	African American Politics	
AAS 4543	African Politics	
AAS 4643	Race and the Media	
AAS 4983	African Americans and the Law	
Elective		
Elective		3
Total Hours		18