

**The Ohio State University
College of Arts and Sciences
Department of African American and African Studies
African American and African Studies Minor (AFAMAST-MN)**

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The minor in African American and African Studies provides an opportunity for the exploration, critical examination, analysis, and interpretation of the experiences, traditions, and dynamics of people of African descent in the United States, Africa, and its diaspora. The minor offers a broad selection of courses addressing historical, cultural, sociological, political, and psychological factors that affect the lives of African peoples from disciplinary, interdisciplinary, multidisciplinary, transdisciplinary, and comparative perspectives.

The minor in African American and African Studies consists of 15 credit hours which must include 2 core courses (AAAS 2201 and 3310) and an additional 3 courses (9 credit hrs) (at least two of the three elective courses need to be at the 3000-level or above).

Required Prerequisites (1 course; 3 CH)

1. English 1110.xx(H)(E)

-OR-

Any GE Foundation: Writing and Information Literacy course

Core Courses (2 courses; 6 CH)

1. AFAMAST 2201 - Major Readings in African American and African Studies (3)

2. AFAMAST 3310 - Global Perspectives on the African Diaspora (3)

Elective Courses (3 courses; 9 CH)

Choose any **three** AFAMAST courses at the 2000-level or above; at least two of the three elective courses must be at the 3000-level or above.

AAAS minor program guidelines

Credit hours required A minimum of 15 credit hours. 1000 level courses shall not be counted in the minor. At least 6 CH must be upper-level courses as defined by the College of Arts and Sciences.

Transfer and EM credit hours allowed A student is permitted to count up to 6 total hours of transfer credit and/or credit by examination.

Overlap with the GE A student is permitted to overlap up to two courses between the GE and the minor as long as the minor consists of at least 4 courses.

Overlap with the major and additional minor(s)

- The minor must be in a different subject than the major.
- The minor must contain a minimum of 12 hours distinct from the major and/or additional minor(s).

Grades required

- Minimum C- for a course to be counted on the minor.
- Minimum 2.00 cumulative GPA for all minor course work
- Course work graded Pass/Non-Pass cannot count on the minor.
- No more than 3 credit hours of course graded Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory may count toward the minor

X193 credits No more than 3 credit hours.

Declaring the Minor - In order to declare the minor, students must meet with Dr. Jerrel Beckham prior to the filing of the graduation application. Please email Beckham.4@osu.edu to make an appointment.

Approval of Coursework

Initial approval of minor coursework

Students who complete the minor following the guidelines on this sheet need only verify with their academic advisor that the minor appears complete on the degree auditing system. No approval from the Department of African American and African Studies is required.

Approval for courses not listed on this form to apply to the minor program

Students must obtain the approval of the Department of African American and African Studies to apply courses not listed on this form toward the African American and African Studies minor. Please email Beckham.4@osu.edu to request approval.

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