

# AFRICAN AND AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES MINOR

**Banner Code: AAMS**

## Academic Advising

332 Enterprise Hall  
Fairfax Campus

Website: <http://aaas.gmu.edu/programs/LA-MINOR-LA-AFAM/>

In the minor, students will examine the cultural, historical, economic, and political dimensions and experiences of people of African descent in America, the Caribbean, Africa, and throughout the Diaspora. Students will learn theories and methodologies that are used to examine the complex dynamics of race, class, gender, and ethnicity in America. Through this minor, students are able to develop critical and analytical approaches to societal issues because such issues are addressed and delineated through a variety of academic disciplines.

Students are encouraged to do an internship as part of the minor to further enhance their education and provide them with valuable preparation for the workforce.

## Admissions & Policies

### Policies

Eight credits of coursework must be unique to the minor and students must complete all coursework with a minimum GPA of 2.00. For policies governing all minors, see AP.5.3.4 Minors.

## Requirements

### Minor Requirements

**Total credits: 15**

Students should be aware of the specific policies associated with this program, located on the Admissions & Policies tab.

#### Required Course

AFAM 200	Introduction to African American Studies (Mason Core)	3
Total Credits		3

#### Electives

Select four courses (12 credits) from the following: <sup>1</sup> 12

AFAM 390	Special Topics in African and African American Studies
AFAM 490	Internship
AFAM 499	Independent Study
DANC 118	World Dance (Mason Core) (May be applied to the minor when the topic is relevant to African and African American Studies)
ENGH 348	Beginnings of African American Literature Through 1865

ENGH 349	African American Literature: Reconstruction to 1903	
ENGH 350	African American Literature Through 1946	
ENGH 351	Contemporary African American Literature	
FREN 451	Topics in Sub-Saharan Francophone Literature and Culture	
FREN 454	Topics in Caribbean Francophone Literature and Culture	
GGG 325	Geography of North Africa and the Middle East	
GOVT 464	Issues in Public Policy and Administration	
HIST 261	Survey of African History (Mason Core)	
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HIST 335	The African American Experience in the United States: African Background to 1885	
HIST 336	The African American Experience in the United States: Reconstruction to the Present	
SOCI 308	Race and Ethnicity in a Changing World	
SOCI 332	The Urban World (Mason Core)	
Total Credits		12

<sup>1</sup> Other courses, when relevant, may be able to meet this requirement with prior written approval of the director.