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:  

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

Total Credits 12

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