

AFRICAN STUDIES, DOCTORAL MINOR

The Doctoral Minor in African Studies is for students completing a PhD at the University of Wisconsin–Madison who wish to focus their study on Africa. It requires four courses or seminars in two departments outside the student's major department. The African studies minor is completed under "Minor Option A" of the Graduate School regulations.

SUGGESTIONS FOR STUDENTS PURSUING THE DOCTORAL MINOR IN AFRICAN STUDIES

- **Early Approval of Minor Program:** It is the student's responsibility as a graduate student to determine that all courses/seminars being completed are eligible for inclusion in the doctoral minor. Students are encouraged to consult with the African Studies Program advisor before taking courses intended to be included in the minor.
- **Language Training:** In planning the program, students should bear in mind the strong desirability of attaining competence in an African language. For many kinds of research, ability to use a language as a research tool is indispensable.
- **Auditing Courses:** In addition to courses and seminars formally taken for credit, students are encouraged to audit additional offerings to develop a broad competence in African studies.

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- Meet with the African Studies Program advisor. To make an appointment, send an email to the program's Associate Director (see Contact Information).
- All Graduate School students must utilize the Graduate Student Portal in MyUW to add, change, or discontinue any doctoral minor. To apply to this minor, please log in to MyUW, click on Graduate Student Portal, and then click on Add/Change Programs. The minor coordinator will review your application for admittance, and reach out to you if there are any further questions.
- After you have completed the preliminary PhD examinations, the African Studies Program director or designate will sign the warrant indicating completion of the minor.

REQUIREMENTS

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Grade Point Average: A 3.0 grade point average is required for all courses submitted for the minor.

REQUIRED COURSES

- Complete a minimum of 12 graduate credits from the African Studies Program core curriculum (http://africa.wisc.edu/?page_id=26) in four courses or seminars outside the major field, and from at least two different departments, in consultation with the faculty advisor. (Agricultural and applied economics, and economics courses/seminars are considered to be of one discipline for purposes of the minor.)

See list below for example courses. Other courses may be chosen in consultation with the faculty advisor.

- Graduate credit is available only for courses with numbers of 300 or higher and with the graduate attribute ("Grad 50%").
- At least one of these four units must be a course or seminar numbered 700 to 999. No thesis or dissertation credits (990) may be used.
- Introductory first-year language courses may not be used for the doctoral minor in African studies even if they are numbered 300 or higher. Language courses may count for the minor only in so far as they do not overlap with departmental language requirements. When a department requires an African language for the PhD, language courses may count toward the minor only above and beyond four semesters of study in one language.
- Include no more than one independent reading and research course in the four courses or seminars submitted.

Example Courses

Code	Title	Credits
AFROAMER/ AFRICAN 813	Contemporary African and Caribbean Drama	3
AFRICAN 321	First Semester Arabic	5
AFRICAN 322	Second Semester Arabic	5
AFRICAN 323	Third Semester Arabic	4
AFRICAN 324	Fourth Semester Arabic	4
AFRICAN 329	Fifth Semester Arabic	3
AFRICAN 330	Sixth Semester Arabic	3
AFRICAN 331	First Semester Swahili	5
AFRICAN 332	Second Semester Swahili	5
AFRICAN 333	Third Semester Swahili	4
AFRICAN 334	Fourth Semester Swahili	4
AFRICAN 335	First Semester-A Language of Southern Africa	5
AFRICAN 336	Second Semester-A Language of Southern Africa	4-5
AFRICAN 361	First Semester Hausa	5
AFRICAN 362	Second Semester Hausa	4-5
AFRICAN 371	First Semester Yoruba	5
AFRICAN 372	Second Semester Yoruba	5
AFRICAN 373	Third Semester Yoruba	4
AFRICAN 374	Fourth Semester Yoruba	4
AFRICAN 391	First Semester-A Language of West Africa	5
AFRICAN 392	Second Semester-A Language of West Africa	4-5
AFRICAN 393	Third Semester-A Language of West Africa	4
AFRICAN 394	Fourth Semester-A Language of West Africa	4
AFRICAN 670	Theories and Methods of Learning a Less Commonly Taught Language	2
AFRICAN 671	Multilanguage Seminar	4
AFRICAN 672	Intensive Summer Multilanguage Seminar	8
AFRICAN 700	Reading and Writing African Cultural Studies	3

AFRICAN 703	Topics in Teaching African Languages	1
AFRICAN 803	Theories of African Cultural Studies	3
AFRICAN 901	Seminar in Modern African Literature	3
AFRICAN 905	Seminar in African Cultural Studies: Topics	3
AFRICAN 926	Seminar in Research Methods in African Cultural Studies	3
AFRICAN/ ANTHRO/ECON/ GEOG/HISTORY/ POLI SCI 983	Interdepartmental Seminar in African Studies Topics	3
HISTORY 861	Seminar-The History of Africa	1-3
ED POL 750	African Education: Past, Present and Future	3
ENGL 829	Topics in Migration and Diaspora (Migration in the Black Diaspora)	3
INTL ST 620	Topics in International Studies (Contemporary Issues in Africa)	1-4
POLI SCI/AFRICAN/ ANTHRO/ ECON/GEOG/ HISTORY 983	Interdepartmental Seminar in African Studies Topics	3

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES AND CONDITIONS IN COMPLYING WITH THE DOCTORAL MINOR

- Credits from Other Universities: Courses from other universities that were taken for graduate credit may count toward the minor with approval of the African Studies Program. Normally, only two of the required four courses or seminars may come from outside the University of Wisconsin–Madison. Exceptions may be proposed by petition.
- Courses Taken as an Undergraduate: Courses taken while the candidate was an undergraduate student are not eligible for credit toward the doctoral minor, including courses with graduate-level numbers.