The Africana Studies program offers a multidisciplinary minor, which seeks to analyze the African world experience from the point of view of African people and those of African descent. The broad educational purpose of the program is to engender among all students an intellectual appreciation and understanding of the history and cultures of people of African descent throughout the world.

**FACULTY**

**COORDINATOR**
- Sheena Harris - Ph.D. (The University of Memphis)
  - Race, Class, Gender, Education, Black Women's Organizations, Hip-Hop Feminism

**AFFILIATED FACULTY**
- Tamba M'bayo, History - Ph.D. (Michigan State University)
  - West Africa, colonial and postcolonial, African diaspora and Pan-Africanism
- Devin Smart, History - Ph.D. (University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign)
  - Africa, World/Global, environmental
- Austin McCoy, History - Ph.D. (University of Michigan)
  - 20th Century U.S., African-American, labor, social movements
- Melissa Latimer, Sociology - Ph.D. (University of Kentucky)
  - Race Relations
- Brent McCusker, Geography - Ph.D. (Michigan State University)
  - Land use change in Africa
- Paul Scea, Music - M.A. (University of Iowa)
  - Jazz Studies
- Jamie Shinn, Geography - Ph.D. (Pennsylvania State University)
- Michael Vercelli, Music - Ph.D. (University of Arizona)
  - World Music
- Rachel Woldoff, Sociology - Ph.D. (Ohio State University)
  - Race Relations in Cities and Urban Life

**Minor Code - U055**

Any student may pursue a minor in Africana studies by completing the following coursework with a minimum grade of C-. No prerequisite coursework is required to declare the minor.

**CORE COURSES:**

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Select three of the following in two different areas, with at least two courses at the 300 level or above:

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COURSES

ASP 220. Introduction to Africana Studies. 3 Hours.
An interdisciplinary introduction to the histories, economics, cultural and artistic heritages, political and social experiences of Africans and African-Americans; focusing on the relationships between the two experiences.

ASP 293. Special Topics. 1-6 Hours.
PR: Consent. Investigation of topics not covered in regularly scheduled courses.

ASP 298. Honors. 1-3 Hours.
PR: Students in Honors Program and consent by the honors director. Independent reading, study, or research.

ASP 393. Special Topics. 1-6 Hours.
PR: Consent. Investigation of topics not covered in regularly scheduled courses.

ASP 420. Seminar Africana Studies. 3 Hours.
PR: ASP 220. Focus on selected aspects of Africana experience. Required for completion of minor in Africana Studies.

ASP 490. Teaching Practicum. 1-3 Hours.
PR: Consent. Teaching practice as a tutor or assistant.

ASP 491. Professional Field Experience. 1-18 Hours.
PR: Consent. (May be repeated up to a maximum of 18 hours.) Prearranged experiential learning program, to be planned, supervised, and evaluated for credit by faculty and field supervisors. Involves temporary placement with public or private enterprise for professional competence development.

ASP 492. Directed Study. 1-3 Hours.
Directed study, reading, and/or research.

ASP 493. Special Topics. 1-6 Hours.
PR: Consent. Investigation of topics not covered in regularly scheduled courses.

ASP 494. Seminar. 1-3 Hours.
PR: Consent. Presentation and discussion of topics of mutual concern to students and faculty.

ASP 495. Independent Study. 1-6 Hours.
Faculty supervised study of topics not available through regular course offerings.

ASP 496. Senior Thesis. 1-3 Hours.
PR: Consent.

ASP 497. Research. 1-6 Hours.
Independent research projects.
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