

AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES MINOR

MINOR DESCRIPTION

The Minor in African American Studies offers a comparative, cross-cultural approach to studying the experiences of people of African descent in the Black Atlantic world, especially in the United States and the Caribbean.

Students in the minor complete at least five courses, including Intro to Africana Studies, one course in African American History, and one course in African American Literature. Wesleyan's Center for African American Studies provides resources that deepen classroom and campus-wide conversations about contemporary and historical matters.

Students with a minor in African American Studies develop critical thinking skills and cultural competence while gaining a competitive edge in their pursuit of advanced degrees and careers in fields such as law, medicine, literature, education, business, public policy, and the sciences.

ADMISSION TO THE MINOR

MINOR REQUIREMENTS

Students wishing to minor in African American Studies must complete a minimum of 5 semester courses, all of which are housed or cross-listed with African American Studies. (Other courses may be counted with the approval of the chair.) Of these 5 courses, at least 3 courses must be 200 level or higher. Students must take the Gateway course (AFAM101), one course in African American History, and one course in African American Literature. Generally, tutorials and student forms do not count, although the chair may count one after hearing compelling reasons from the student.