

# AFRICAN STUDIES MINOR

Students interested in studying Africa at Wesleyan choose from an exciting variety of courses from across the Wesleyan curriculum: art history, dance, economics, English, feminist gender & sexuality studies (FGSS), history, government, music, and Romance languages & literatures.

## MINOR REQUIREMENTS

The African studies minor allows students to create a coherent course of study by taking at least 5 courses that offer breadth and depth in the study of the continent. It enables them to develop an understanding of African history, contemporary issues facing the continent, and the creative and intellectual contribution of Africans. The minor consists of a minimum of 5 courses.

Although there is no overall GPA requirement to stay in the minor, a grade of B or higher is required to receive minor credit for a course.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>At least one African History survey course:</b>		<b>1</b>
HIST212	Modern Africa	
HIST217	Empires, Slavery, and Revolution: Africa to 1800	
<b>Four additional African Studies courses from History, the Social Sciences, Humanities, or African Diaspora, with the following conditions:</b>		<b>4</b>
-No more than 3 total History courses may count.		
-No more than 2 MUSC and/or DANC may count.		
-No more than 1 African Diaspora class may count		
-No more than 1 100-level course may count.		
<b>African History (See WesMaps for a complete list)</b>		
HIST212	Modern Africa	
HIST217	Empires, Slavery, and Revolution: Africa to 1800	
HIST226	Queen Mothers, Unruly Women: Histories of Gender and Sexuality in Africa	
HIST267	Development in Question: Conservation in Africa	
HIST302	Reproductive Politics and the Family in Africa	
HIST334	Social History of Islam in Africa	
HIST341	Body Histories in Africa	
<b>Social Studies (See WesMaps for a complete list)</b>		
ECON366	The Economics of Developing Countries	
GOVT324	Africa in World Politics	
GOVT355	Political Theory and Transitional Justice	
<b>Humanities (See WesMaps for a complete list)</b>		
DANC260	West African Dance I (and subsequent sections of West African Dance II and III; Two dance courses must be taken to fulfill the one credit requirement)	
ENGL131B	Writing About Places: Africa	
ENGL221	The African Novel I: Nervous Conditions	
ENGL223	The African Novel II: After Achebe	
FREN281	French and Francophone Theater in Performance	
FREN382	Jungle and Desert in Francophone African Literature	

MUSC295	Global Hip-Hop
MUSC445	West African Music and Culture--Beginners
SPAN264	Orientalism: Spain and Africa

### African Diaspora

AFAM203	African American History, 1444-1877
AFAM223	20th-Century Franco-Caribbean Literature and the Search for Identity
AFAM233	All Ah We: Contemporary Afro-Caribbean Drama & Performance
ENGL286	Literature of the Harlem Renaissance
ENGL375	Black Global Cities
FREN324	Interpreting the "New World": France and the Early Modern Americas

**Students are encouraged, but not required to study Arabic, French, Portuguese, or to pursue study of an African language through the Self-Instructional Program (SILP). Students who complete 1 credit of coursework through SILP may count their language instruction as 1 credit out of the total 5 credits.**

**Students are encouraged to study abroad in Africa, and they may count 1 course taken abroad to fulfill one of the additional history, social sciences, or humanities course requirements. The study abroad course must focus on the study of Africa, or an African region.**

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Students may also create their own University Major (<http://www.wesleyan.edu/studentaffairs/resources/majordeclaration/umajor.html>) centered on the study of Africa:

## FURTHER RESEARCH, LANGUAGE, AND STUDY ABROAD OPPORTUNITIES RESEARCH

Besides participating in a variety of study abroad programs throughout the year, Wesleyan students often undertake their own original research in Africa as part of completing senior honors theses for their respective departments.

Theses are available here. (<http://wesscholar.wesleyan.edu/etsd/>)

## LANGUAGE

Students who wish to study an African language are encouraged to submit a petition through the Language Resource Center and the Self-Instructional Language Program (<http://www.wesleyan.edu/lctls/silp.html>) (SIPL).

## STUDY ABROAD

Information on current programs may be obtained from the Office of Study Abroad (<http://www.wesleyan.edu/studyabroad/>), and should be discussed with a member of the African studies faculty cluster.