

Black Studies Minor

Required Courses:

- BLS 101 – Introduction to Black Studies (3 credits)
- Electives (5): At least one course from each thematic track:
 - Culture, Language, Literature, and the Arts
 - BLS 122 – Black Cinema
 - BLS 213 – The African American Artist
 - BLS 215 – Dimensions of Contemporary Black Life
 - BLS 225 – The African World View
 - BLS 227 – History of Jazz
 - BLS 265 – Twentieth-Century African American Literature
 - BLS 314 – Black Feminisms
 - BLS 371 – Global and Postcolonial Literatures
 - BLS 376 – Toni Morrison
 - Historical Inquiry:
 - BLS 207 – African American History 1619 to Present
 - BLS 225 – The African World View
 - BLS 304 – Social Movements
 - BLS 316 – Civil War and Reconstruction
 - BLS 321 – AIDS, Race & Gender in the Black Community
 - BLS 344 – Colonialism and Nationalism in Modern Africa
 - BLS 347 – The Civil Rights Movement in the U.S.: 1955-75
 - BLS 416 – Race and Politics in the Americas
 - Social & Structural Analysis:
 - BLS 211 – Urban Education
 - BLS 215 – Dimensions of Contemporary Black Life
 - BLS 230 – Faith and Spirit in the Black Family and Community
 - BLS 303 – Urban Politics in the United States
 - BLS 304 – Social Movements
 - BLS 307 – Urban Sociology
 - BLS 311 – Equity Issues in Education
 - BLS 314 – Black Feminisms
 - BLS 321 – AIDS, Race & Gender in the Black Community
 - BLS 327 – Race, Class, and Gender: Intersections and Inequalities

- BLS 334 – African Politics
- BLS 411 – Sociology of Disaster
- BLS 416 – Race and Politics in the Americas
- BLS 425 – African American Women
- Special Topics Series (*May meet requirements for any one of the thematic tracks, depending on the topic*)
 - BLS 270 – Special Topics in Black Studies
 - BLS 370 – Special Topics in Black Studies
 - BLS 470 – Special Topics in Black Studies
 - BLS 480 – Seminar in Black Studies
 - BLS 490 – Independent Reading in Black Studies
 - BLS 491 – Directed Research Project in Black Studies

Other Information:

- To complete the minor in Black Studies, students take one required course (BLS 101) and select FIVE additional courses from the program electives. Students select the five elective courses from three thematic tracks. Each student is required to complete at least one elective from each track. The remaining two electives allow for and promote specialization within a particular track. It is possible that a single course might satisfy the requirement of one or more tracks. However, a course will only be counted as meeting the requirements of ONE thematic track. For students whose interests are not directly addressed in formal course offerings, the program also offers the opportunity for independent reading and research, at the student's initiative, with the support of a faculty sponsor.