African/African American Studies Minor

A total of 21-22 credits are needed to fulfill the African/African American Studies Minor. A student will be required to choose between two tracks: Track 1 (Africa) and Track 2 (African American). No more than 3 credit hours of AAA 399 Independent Readings or AAA 499 Independent Study and Research may count toward the minor. New AAA related courses in each of the two tracks may count toward the minor as they become available. Please consult with program director concerning the eligibility of any particular course. Students should be particularly alert to the presence of courses offered through the vehicle of special topics courses (AAA 380 & 390). Transfer credits from approved study abroad programs and from other U.S. colleges and universities may be counted toward the minor upon verification by the program director. However, of the 21-22 credits required, a minimum of six credits must be taken in residence at GVSU.

**CORE COURSES** (Required) 6 Credits are needed for **TRACK 1** and **TRACK 2**

- AAA 200-Understanding Africa **OR**
- AAA 201-Intro to African American Studies & AAA 302-African Diaspora

**TRACK 1: AFRICA** (Students who enter the university competent in French or Arabic at the 202 level or higher will take one extra elective course for a total of 21 credits)

**REQUIRED:** ___FRE 202-Intermediate French II or ARA 202-Intermediate Arabic II or higher.

**TRACK 1 ELECTIVE COURSES LIST** (Complete four courses (12) credits from the electives list. All courses are 3 credits unless noted):

- ___AAA 319-African Politics
- ___AAA 300-US-Africa Relations
- ___AAA 333-Study Abroad (AAA Studies) (1-6 cr.)
- ___AAA 341-Civil Conflicts in Africa
- ___AAA 399-Independent Readings (1-3 cr.)
- ___AAA 499-Independent Study and Research (1-4 cr.)
- ___GPY 351-Geography of Africa
- ___HST 335-Africa Before 1870
- ___HST 336-Africa After 1870

**TRACK 2: AFRICAN-AMERICAN**

**REQUIRED:** ___AAA 490-Practicum: Career-Service in Community Building

**TRACK 2 ELECTIVE COURSES LIST** (Complete four elective courses (12) credits from the electives list. All courses are 3 credits unless noted):

- ___AAA 231-Early African American Literature
- ___AAA 232-Modern African American Literature
- ___AAA 305-Perspectives on the Black Arts Movement
- ___AAA 315-Field to Factory: African American Migration
- ___AAA 333-Study Abroad (AAA Studies) (1-6 cr.)
- ___AAA 340-African American Culture and Social Thought
- ___AAA 350-African American Identity and Communication
- ___AAA 351-Perspectives on African American Males
- ___AAA 352-Black Women’s Culture and Communities
- ___AAA 355-History of Underground Railroad
- ___AAA 399-Independent Readings (1-3 cr.)
- ___AAA 499-Independent Study and Research (1-4 cr.)
- ___LIB 320-Voices of the Civil Rights Movement in the U.S.
- ___HST 314-African American History
- ___HST 372-From Slavery to Freedom
- ___HST 316-U.S. Civil Rights Movement History
- ___SOC 333-Sociology of the Civil Rights Movement
- ___SOC 382-Race and Ethnicity

**TOTAL NUMBER OF CREDITS ________________**

This form is a planning tool and does not constitute an agreement regarding program requirements. It is imperative that you meet with an academic advisor early in your career.

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