Minor in African and African-American Studies

Graduation requirements and regulations for every academic program are provided in this catalog. Degree requirements and course descriptions are subject to change. In most cases, you will use the catalog of the year you entered KU (see your advisor for details). Other years' catalogs...

Undergraduate Admission

Admission to KU

All students applying for admission must send high school and college transcripts to the Office of Admissions. Unless they are college transfer students with at least 24 hours of credit, prospective students must send ACT or SAT scores to the Office of Admissions. Prospective first-year students should be aware that KU has qualified admission requirements that all new first-year students must meet to be admitted. Consult the Office of Admissions (http://admissions.ku.edu) for application deadlines and specific admission requirements.

Visit the Office of International Student and Scholar Services (http://www.iss.ku.edu) for information about international admissions.

Students considering transferring to KU may see how their college-level course work will transfer on the Office of Admissions (http://credittransfer.ku.edu) website.

Admission to the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Admission to the College is a different process from admission to a major field. Some CLAS departments have admission requirements. See individual department/program sections for departmental admission requirements.

Requirements for the Minor

For students whose programs make it attractive and feasible for them to focus on an African or American region, country, or topic, the department provides a minor in African and African-American studies. Minors must select 1 of the 4 tracks.

African-American Studies Track

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<td>Introduction to African-American Studies</td>
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Select 12 additional hours of African-America (U.S.)-related AAAS courses at the 300 level or above 12

African Studies Track

Students choosing this track must select 1 of 6 options.

Option 1: Advanced African Language Study

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OR two advanced language courses (AAAS 504 or AAAS 505) and a Language and Society course (LING 370/AAAS 370, LING 470/AAAS 470). Other languages may apply with consent of faculty.

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Option 2: African Societies and Civilizations

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AAAS 542/REL 535  The History of Islam in Africa
HIST 300/AAAS 305  Modern Africa
HIST/AAAS 598  Sexuality and Gender in African History
HIST 599/AAAS 590  The Rise and Fall of Apartheid
HIST 600/AAAS 520  West African History
JOUR 500  Topics in Journalism: _____
Select one of the following: 3
AAAS 550  Senior Seminar in: _____
AAAS 690  Investigation and Conference
AAAS 496  Field Experience

Option 3: African Arts and Literature
AAAS 103  Introduction to Africa 3
or AAAS 105/ HIST 104
or AAAS 102  Arabic and Islamic Studies
Select four of the following: 12
THR 226/ DANC 230/ AAAS 334  Introduction to African Dance Theatre
THIR 302/ AAAS 320  Undergraduate Seminar in: _____
THIR 326/ AAAS 355  African Theatre and Drama
FMS 544/ AAAS 555  African Film
ENGL 324/ AAAS 320  Contemporary Authors: _____
ENGL 326/ AAAS 332  Introduction to African Literature
ENGL 479/ AAAS 433  The Literature of: _____
ENGL 479/ AAAS 434  The Literature of: _____
ENGL 674  African Literature: _____
FREN/AAAS 432  Francophone African Literature
HA/AAAS 376  West African Art
HA/AAAS 578  Central African Art
Select one of the following: 3
AAAS 550  Senior Seminar in: _____
AAAS 690  Investigation and Conference
AAAS 496  Field Experience

Option 4: Political Economy of Health and Development in Africa
AAAS 103  Introduction to Africa 3
or AAAS 105/ HIST 104
or AAAS 102  Arabic and Islamic Studies
Select four of the following: 12
ANTH 542  Biology of Human Nutrition
ANTH 543  Nutrition Through the Life Cycle
ANTH 650  Human Reproduction: Biology and Behavior
ANTH 762  Human Growth and Development
ANTH 461  Introduction to Medical Anthropology
ANTH 540  Demographic Anthropology
ANTH 783  Doing Ethnography
ANTH 684  Anthropology and the Health Sciences
ECON 587  Economic Development of Africa
GEOG/AAAS 553  Geography of African Development
POLS 665/ AAAS 600  Politics in Africa
POLS 667  Islam and Politics
HIST 599/ AAAS 590  The Rise and Fall of Apartheid
AAAS 680  Introduction to Modern Africa
ANTH 545/ AAAS 554  Contemporary Health Issues in Africa
Select one of the following: 3
AAAS 550  Senior Seminar in: _____
AAAS 690  Investigation and Conference
AAAS 496  Field Experience

Option 5: People and Space in Africa
AAAS 103  Introduction to Africa 3
or AAAS 105/ HIST 104
or AAAS 102  Arabic and Islamic Studies
Select four of the following: 12
GEOG/AAAS 350  Physical Geography of Africa
GEOG/AAAS 351  Africa's Human Geographies
GEOG/AAAS 553  Geography of African Development
ANTH 564  The Peoples of Africa
ANTH 549  Human Paleontology: Fossil Apes to Australopithecus
ANTH 501/ AAAS 520  Topics in Sociocultural Anthropology: _____
HIST 599/ AAAS 590  The Rise and Fall of Apartheid
AAAS/WGSS 560  Race, Gender, and Post-Colonial Discourses
GEOG 550/ AAAS 551/ EVRN 420  Environmental Issues in Africa
Select one of the following: 3
AAAS 550  Senior Seminar in: _____
AAAS 690  Investigation and Conference
AAAS 496  Field Experience
Option 6: Student-Designed Cluster

- AAAS 103  Introduction to Africa  3
- or AAAS 105/HIST 104  Introduction to African History
- or AAAS 102  Arabic and Islamic Studies

Four courses created from a student’s academic concentration  12

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- AAAS 550  Senior Seminar in: _____
- AAAS 690  Investigation and Conference
- AAAS 496  Field Experience

Haitian Studies Track

- HAIT 110  Elementary Haitian I  3
- HAIT 120  Elementary Haitian II  3
- HAIT 230  Intermediate Haitian I  3
- HAIT 240  Intermediate Haitian II  3

12 additional hours of the language or related courses at the 300 level or above  12

Minor Hours & Minor GPA

While completing all required courses, minors must also meet each of the following hour and GPA minimum standards:

**Minor Hours**
Satisfied by a minimum of 18 hours of minor courses.

**Minor Hours in Residence**
Satisfied by a minimum of 9 hours of KU resident credit in the minor.

**Minor Junior/Senior (300+) Hours**
Satisfied by a minimum of 12 hours from junior/senior courses (300+) in the minor.

**Minor Graduation GPA**
Satisfied by a minimum of a 2.0 KU GPA in all departmental courses in the minor. GPA calculations include all courses in the field of study including F’s and repeated courses. See the Semester/Cumulative GPA Calculator (http://clas.ku.edu/undergrad/tools/gpa).