AFRICAN STUDIES MINOR

Description
The African Studies minor offers students the opportunity for widening their academic horizons to include a part of the world that, because of its past and continuing relevance to the American continents, deserves study. The minor will contribute to students’ understanding of the diverse peoples and cultures of Africa, their awareness of the relativity of cultures, and, ultimately, to a better understanding of their own society. The minor, which is interdisciplinary, will appeal not only to students in the humanities, social sciences, and education, but also to students who plan to do international work.

College Admission
The entrance requirements for the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS), including any of the majors or minors offered through the college, are the same as the University of Nebraska–Lincoln General Admission Requirements. In addition to these requirements, the College of Arts and Sciences strongly recommends a third and fourth year of one foreign language in high school. Four years of high school coursework in the same language will fulfill the College of Arts and Sciences’ language requirement. It will also allow students to continue language study at a more advanced level at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln and provide more opportunity to study abroad.

ACADEMIC AND CAREER Advising

Academic and Career Advising Center
The Academic and Career Advising Center in 107 Oldfather Hall is the undergraduate hub for CAS students in all majors. Centrally located and easily accessed, students encounter friendly, knowledgeable people who are eager to help. Students visit the Advising Center in 107 Oldfather Hall to:

- Choose or change their major, minor, or degree program.
- Check in on policies, procedures, and deadlines.
- Get a college approval signature from the Dean’s representative, Sr. Director of Advising and Student Success.

The Academic and Career Advising Center (Explore Center) in 127 Love South, who are specially trained to guide students preparing to enter a professional school.

For complete and current information on advisors for majors, minors, or pre-professional areas, contact the Arts and Sciences Academic and Career Advising Center, 107 Oldfather Hall, 402-472-4190, http://cas.unl.edu/advising/.

Career Coaching
The College believes that Academics + Experience = Opportunities and encourages students to complement their academic preparation with real-world experience, including internships, research, education abroad, service, and leadership. Arts and sciences students have access to a powerful network of faculty, staff, and advisors dedicated to providing information and support for their goals of meaningful employment or advanced education. Arts and sciences graduates have unlimited career possibilities and carry with them important career competencies—communication, critical thinking, creativity, context, and collaboration. They have the skills and adaptability that employers universally value. Graduates are not only prepared to effectively contribute professionally in the real world, but they have a solid foundation to excel in an increasingly global, technological, and interdisciplinary world.

Students should contact the career coaches in the Arts and Sciences Academic and Career Advising Center in 107 Oldfather, or their assigned advisor, for more information. The CAS career coaches help students explore career options, identify ways to build experience, and prepare to apply for internships, jobs, or graduate school, including help with resumes, applications, and interviewing.

ACE Requirements
Students must complete one course for each of the ACE Student Learning Outcomes below. Certified course choices are published in the degree audit, or visit the ACE website (http://ace.unl.edu) for the most current list of certified courses.

ACE Student Learning Outcomes

ACE 1: Write texts, in various forms, with an identified purpose, that respond to specific audience needs, integrate research or existing knowledge, and use applicable documentation and appropriate conventions of format and structure.

ACE 2: Demonstrate competence in communication skills.

ACE 3: Use mathematical, computational, statistical, logical, or other formal reasoning to solve problems, draw inferences, justify conclusions, and determine reasonableness.

ACE 4: Use scientific methods and knowledge to pose questions, frame hypotheses, interpret data, and evaluate whether conclusions about the natural and physical world are reasonable.

ACE 5: Use knowledge, historical perspectives, analysis, interpretation, critical evaluation, and the standards of evidence appropriate to the humanities to address problems and issues.

ACE 6: Use knowledge, theories, and research perspectives such as statistical methods or observational accounts appropriate to the social sciences to understand and evaluate social systems or human behaviors.
ACE 7: Use knowledge, theories, or methods appropriate to
the arts to understand their context and significance.
ACE 8: Use knowledge, theories, and analysis to explain
ethical principles and their importance in society.
ACE 9: Exhibit global awareness or knowledge of human
diversity through analysis of an issue.
ACE 10: Generate a creative or scholarly product
that requires broad knowledge, appropriate technical
proficiency, information collection, synthesis,
interpretation, presentation, and reflection.

College Degree Requirements

College Distribution Requirements – BA and BS

The College of Arts and Sciences distribution requirements are common
to both the bachelor of arts and bachelor of science degrees and
are designed to ensure a range of courses. By engaging in study in
several different areas within the College, students develop the ability
to learn in a variety of ways and apply their knowledge from a variety
of perspectives. All requirements are in addition to University ACE
requirements, and no course can be used to fulfill both an ACE outcome
and a College Distribution Requirement.

- A student may not use a single course to satisfy more than one
  College Distribution Requirement, with the exception of CDR
  Diversity. Courses used to meet CDR Diversity may also meet
  CDR Writing, CDR Humanities, or CDR Social Science.
- Independent study or reading courses and internships cannot
  be used to satisfy distribution requirements.
- Courses from interdisciplinary programs will be applied in the
  same area as courses from the home/cross-listed department.

College Distribution Requirements

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<th>CDR: Written Communication</th>
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<td>Select from courses approved for ACE outcome 1.</td>
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<td>CDR: Natural, Physical, and Mathematical Sciences with Lab</td>
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| Select from biochemistry, biological sciences, chemistry,
  computer science, geology, meteorology, mathematics, and
  physics. Must include one lab in the natural or physical
  sciences. Lab courses may be selected from biochemistry,
  biological sciences, chemistry, geology, meteorology, and
  physics. Some courses from geography and anthropology may also be
  used to satisfy the lab requirement above. | 1 |
| CDR: Humanities | 3 |
| Select from classics, English, history, modern languages and
  literatures, philosophy, and religious studies. | 2 |
| CDR: Social Science | 3 |
| Select from anthropology, communication studies, geography,
  political science, psychology, or sociology. | 3 |
| CDR: Human Diversity in U.S. Communities | 0-3 |
| Select from a set of approved courses as listed in the degree
  audit. | |
| CDR: Language | 0-16 |

Fulfilled by the completion of the 6-credit-hour second-year
sequence in a single foreign language in one of the following
departments: Classics and religious studies or modern
languages and literatures. Instruction is currently available
in Arabic, Chinese, Czech, French, German, Greek, Japanese,
Latin, Russian, and Spanish.

A student who has completed the fourth-year level of one
foreign language in high school is exempt from the languages
requirement, but encouraged to continue on in their language
study.

Credit Hours Subtotal: 13-32

1 See Degree Audit or a College of Arts and Sciences advisor for approved
   geography and anthropology courses that apply as natural science.
2 Language courses numbered 220 and below do not fulfill the CDR
   Humanities.
3 See Degree Audit or College of Arts and Sciences advisor for list of
   natural/physical science courses in anthropology, geography, and
   psychology that do not apply as social science.

Language Requirement

The University of Nebraska–Lincoln and the College of Arts and Sciences
place great value on academic exposure and proficiency in a second
language. The University of Nebraska–Lincoln entrance requirement
of two years of the same foreign language or the College’s language
distribution requirement (CDR: Language) will rarely be waived and only
with relevant documentation. See the main College of Arts and Sciences
page for more details.

Scientific Base - BS Only

The bachelor of science degree requires students to complete 60 hours
in mathematical, physical, and natural sciences. Approved courses
for scientific base credit come from the following College of Arts
and Sciences disciplines: actuarial science, anthropology (selected
courses), astronomy, biochemistry (excluding BIOL 101), biological
sciences (excluding BIOS 100 or BIOS 203), chemistry (excluding
CHEM 101), computer science (excluding CSCE 10), geography (selected
courses), geology, life sciences, mathematics (excluding courses below
MATH 104), meteorology, microbiology (excluding MBIO 101), and
physics.

See your Degree Audit or your assigned academic advisor for a complete
list, including individual classes that fall outside of the disciplines listed
above. Up to 12 hours of scientific and technical courses offered by other
colleges may be accepted toward this requirement with the approval of
the College of Arts and Sciences. See your assigned academic advisor to
start the approval process.

Minimum Hours Required for Graduation

A minimum of 120 semester hours of credit is required for graduation
from the College of Arts and Sciences. A cumulative grade point average
of at least 2.0 is required.

Grade Rules

Restrictions on C- and D Grades

The College will accept no more than 15 semester hours of C- and D
grades from other domestic institutions except for UNO and UNK. All
courses taken at UNO and UNK impact the UNL transcript. No transfer
of C- and D grades can be applied toward requirements in a major or a
minor. No University of Nebraska–Lincoln C- and D grades can be applied
 toward requirements in a major or a minor. International coursework
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Pass/No Pass Privilege
The College of Arts and Sciences adheres to the University regulations for the Pass/No Pass (P/N) privilege with the following additional regulations:

- Pass/No Pass hours can count toward fulfillment of University ACE requirements and college distribution requirements up to the 24-hour maximum.
- Most arts and sciences departments and programs do not allow courses graded Pass/No Pass to apply to the major or minor. Students should refer to the department’s or program’s section of the catalog for clarification. By college rule, departments can allow up to 6 hours of Pass/No Pass in the major or minor.
- Departments may specify that certain courses of theirs can be taken only on a P/N basis.
- The college will permit no more than a total of 24 semester hours of P/N grades to be applied toward degree requirements. This total includes all Pass grades earned at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln and other U.S. schools. NOTE: This 24-hour limit is more restrictive than the University regulation.

Grading Appeals
A student who feels that he/she has been unfairly graded must ordinarily take the following sequential steps in a timely manner, usually by initiating the appeal in the semester following the awarding of the grade:

1. Talk with the instructor concerned. Most problems are resolved at this point.
2. Talk to the instructor’s department chairperson.
3. Take the case to the Grading Appeal Committee of the department concerned. The Committee should be contacted through the department chairperson.
4. Take the case to the College Grading Appeals Committee by contacting the Dean’s Office, 1223 Oldfather Hall.

Course Level Requirements

Courses Numbered at the 300 or 400 Level
Thirty (30) of the 120 semester hours of credit must be in courses numbered at the 300 or 400 level. Of those 30 hours, 15 hours (1/2) must be completed in residence at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln.

Residency Requirement
Students must complete at least 30 of the 120 total hours for their degree at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln. Students must complete at least 1/2 of their major coursework, including 6 hours at the 300 or 400 level in their major and 15 of the 30 hours required at the 300 or 400 level, in residence. Credit earned during education abroad may be used toward the residency requirement only if students register through the University of Nebraska–Lincoln.

Catalog to Use
Students must fulfill the requirements stated in the catalog for the academic year in which they are first admitted to and enrolled as a degree-seeking student at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln in consultation with advisors, a student may choose to follow a subsequent catalog for any academic year in which they are admitted to and enrolled as a degree-seeking student at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln in the College of Arts and Sciences. Students must complete all degree requirements from a single catalog year. Beginning in 1990-1991, the catalog which a student follows for degree requirements may not be more than 10 years old at the time of graduation.

Requirements for Minor Offered by Department

Select one of the following:

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<td>African Culture and Civilization</td>
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<td>ETHN 203</td>
<td>Introduction to Africa</td>
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<td>ETHN 244A / ENGL 244A</td>
<td>Introduction to African Literature</td>
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<td>ETHN 285 / HIST 285</td>
<td>Africa Since 1800</td>
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<td>ETHN 344B / ENGL 344B / WMNS 344B</td>
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<td>ETHN 344D</td>
<td>Caribbean Literature</td>
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<td>ETHN 347 / AHIS 366 / ARCH 347</td>
<td>African Architecture</td>
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<td>ETHN 375 / POLS 375</td>
<td>Conflict and Development in Africa</td>
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<td>ETHN 380 / GEOG 380</td>
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<td>ETHN 385 / HIST 385</td>
<td>African Liberation in the African Diaspora</td>
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<td>ETHN 445K / ENGL 445K</td>
<td>Topics in African Literature</td>
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<td>ETHN 459 / HIST 459 / WMNS 459</td>
<td>Women and Gender in African Societies</td>
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<td>ETHN 486 / HIST 486</td>
<td>History of South Africa</td>
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<td>POLS 260</td>
<td>Problems in International Relations</td>
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Total Credit Hours: 18

1 Other courses, including Special Topics courses, may be used with the approval of the minor advisor.

Grade Rules

C- and D Grades
A grade of C or above is required for all courses in the minor.

Pass/No Pass
No course taken Pass/No Pass will be counted toward the minor.

Restriction
The African Studies minor is not available to Ethnic Studies majors or minors.