

African-American Studies

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The interdisciplinary minor in African-American Studies explores the creation and development of Black/African life, history, culture, and thought in the United States. Course work in the department examines the directions, trends, and products of African-American cultures from the arrival of the first Africans to the shores of North America to contemporary manifestations of those cultures. In addition, some courses may provide an introduction to classical African civilization and society. Elective course work may examine the African Diaspora in Europe, Latin America, the Caribbean, or the Middle East. Many African-American Studies courses are cross-listed in other disciplines, in particular History, English, and Women and Gender Studies. AAS currently features strong offerings in the area of popular culture. Students enrolled in African-American Studies courses will receive a broad education in the appreciation of ethnicity, culture, history, and political and social philosophy.

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