Student Curriculum Planner
African American Studies – Minor

The minor in African American Studies offers a multidisciplinary perspective on African American life and culture. The program invites students to explore the contributions of people of African descent in every area of human endeavor and to understand the material circumstances of their lives. To this end, the minor includes courses that address social, political, and economic issues confronting people of African descent, particularly in the United States. The African American Studies minor program not only provides a scholarly perspective on the lives and accomplishments of African Americans, it also educates students to be positive and productive citizens of a multicultural and transnational world.

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Degrees Awarded
- Minor in African American Studies

Department Requirements
The minor requires 18 credits, distributed as follows:

- One Introductory Course (3 credits)
  - AFAM 150D P5 – Introduction to African American Studies
  - AFAM 199 --- Research-based Writing

- One Course in Historical Foundations (3 credits)
  - AFAM 219D -- Retracing the Black Past
  - HIST 103D P3 – United States to 1865
  - HIST 104D P3 – United States since 1865

- Two Courses in African American Cultural Expressions (3 credits)
  - AFAM 205P --- From Bebop to Hip Hop
  - AFAM 240 CC --- The Struggle for Civil Rights *
  - AFAM 305P -- Black Thought
  - AMST 237P P5 - Hope, Survival and Spirit: Theories of Resistance
  - ENGL 220D P1 -- Modern African American Literature
  - ENGL 261 C; 262P CC; 263C P1;264C P5; 268 --- Topics in Literature **
  - ENGL 335 -- Studies in African American Literature **
  - ENGL 337 --- Ethnicities in/and Literature
  - REST 280D – The Black Church
  - REST 272P C--- Martin and Malcolm
  - REST 282P -- Contemporary Issues in the Black Church
• One **Elective Course** chosen from the following (3 credits)
  - AFAM 280D — The Black Church
  - AFAM 282P—— Contemporary Issues in the Black Church
  - AFAM 290D --- Rochester’s African American Leaders
  - AFAM 304P --- African American Images in Film
  - AMST 273 P5 -- Social Justice in America: Service Learning
  - ENGL 220D P1-- Modern African American Literature
  - ENGL 261 C; 262P CC; 263C P1;264C P5; 268 -- Topics in Literature *
  - ENGL 379 -- The Rhetoric of Social Movements
  - ENGL 381 -- The Rhetoric of Hate and Social Justice
  - HIST 103 P3 – The United States to 1865
  - HIST 104 P3 – The United States Since 1865
  - ITDY 150P P5- Word Up! Communicating in the 21st Century
  - ITED 422P --- Diversity in American Society
  - SOCI 211 P3 -- Ethnicities and Race
  - REST 280D – The Black Church (P2?)
  - REST 281P – Martin and Malcolm
  - REST 282P – Contemporary Issues in the Black Church (P5?)

• One **Senior Seminar**
  - AFAM 450 — Risking Contact: Seminar on African American Culture

**Note:** As of fall 2002, AFAM 150 P5, 219D can be taken by Childhood Education majors to complete the NYS Content Core requirements for social studies. AFAM courses may not be used for credit in both the major and the minor without permission of the minor program directors.

*AFAM 240 CC currently is taught in the LC for Fall AND as a course open to all levels in the Spring.*

**May be applicable depending on the topic; consult with AFAM Co-Chairs for approval.

**Declaring a Minor in AFAM**
Contact: Dr. Ruth Harris (385-8297) or Dr. Arlette Miller Smith (F102, 385-8212) if you would like to discuss this minor. Then fill out the forms provided by the Registrar’s Office. Check periodically to ensure that the AFAM requirements are being fulfilled.
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