

AFRICAN STUDIES MINOR

Overview

The African studies minor provides unique opportunities for students to develop expertise in African political and social history, literatures, sociology, economics, women, gender, and sexuality studies, among others. It also offers language learning opportunities and interaction and networking among New York City's diverse African population.

Requirements

- Completion of six courses, including one required course, Understanding Historical Change: Africa (AFAM 1600).
- Five elective courses are required, including at least one course in social sciences, one course in arts and humanities, and three general African studies courses.
- Additionally, students must demonstrate proficiency through the intermediate level in a language spoken on the African continent other than English.

Learning Outcomes

Upon graduation, students will have achieved the following curricular goals:

- Develop an understanding of major themes and debates in African studies.
- Gain knowledge in interdisciplinary approaches necessary for understanding the diverse histories, cultures, and experiences of African peoples.
- Acquire critical skills in multiple research methods relevant to the study of past and contemporary African societies and cultures.
- Develop a foundation in critical thinking and problem solving, research, writing, and analytical skills essential for the field.
- Develop proficiency in some indigenous and foreign languages spoken on the African continent.