

Major Sequence in African Studies

Explanation of the Concentration: As with other concentrations within the International Studies rubric, the African Studies Concentration requires students to complete four core courses:

1. IS 240: Introduction to International Studies;
2. a course on international systems, structures and processes;
3. a course on the nature and analysis of culture;
4. IS 488: the Senior Seminar.

Students are also required to complete one semester abroad in Africa that includes instruction in an African language.

Language Proficiency: Students are required to fulfill general education requirements in a language taught on campus. It is highly recommended that students meet this requirement in French since it is the most widely European language spoken in Africa after English. In addition, students are required to complete one semester of an African language, which can be completed while studying abroad in Africa.

Six additional courses: at least two courses from section A, at least one course from section B and at least one course from section C. Students are strongly encouraged to take two courses in section A prior to studying abroad in Africa. At least three of these six courses must be at the 300-level or above.

A. African History, Culture, & Politics

Anthropology/ENST 274: Peoples and Cultures of East Africa

Anthropology 355: African Expressive Arts (May Term Course)

Political Science 216: Politics in Africa

Political Science 217: Politics and Society in Contemporary South Africa

*Anthropology 277: Area Studies

*Anthropology 270 / 370

*History 270 / 370

*International Studies 270 / 370

*Political Science 270 / 370

B. Comparative Perspectives

*Anthropology 171: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology

Anthropology 250: World Music (May Term Course)

Anthropology 275: Anthropology of Theater, Performance & Spectacle

*Anthropology 352: Gender in Cross-Cultural Perspective

Anthropology 360: Race, Racism & Anthropology

Economics 355: Economics of Developing Countries (Econ 100 prereq)

English 249: Writing in the Third World
Religion 204: Native American and African Religions
Religion 307: Voodoo, Santeria, and Candomble

C. Contemporary Issues

Health 280: Perspectives in International Health
Political Science 325: Conflict Areas of the Third World
Political Science 326: Globalization & Development
Sociology 354: Gender and Globalization
*Anthropology 397: Internship
*Anthropology 450: Independent Study
*Political Science 450: Independent Study

*Applies if the course is taught on an African topic. Such courses require prior approval by the African Studies Coordinator and the Director of International Studies.

Note: Courses taken through a study abroad program or travel courses may be substituted for courses in sections B or C, depending on the content. Such courses require prior approval of the African Studies Coordinator and the Director of International Studies.

Minor Sequence in African Studies

Explanation of the Minor: As stated in the IWU Catalog, International Studies Minors are designed for students who are interested in studying global and regional problems from an interdisciplinary perspective. The African Studies Minor is recommended for students who would like to enhance or supplement their major with a regional focus on Africa. All International Studies Minors are required to have "at least two courses at the 300–400 level or equivalent."

Minor Sequence in African Studies:

To complete an African Studies Minor, a student must complete six courses, including:

1. IS 240: Introduction to International Studies;
2. five additional courses, two at the 300 level or above.

Three courses must come from section A (Africa specific courses), one course must come from section B (Comparative Perspectives), and one course must come from section C (Contemporary Issues).

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