African Studies Minor and INTL Africa concentration
Student Handbook

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African Studies Program

The African Studies program at the College of Charleston supports a wide spectrum of guest speakers and extracurricular activities, and plays an important role in the internationalization of the college curriculum and the college community.

Students who minor in African Studies benefit from interdisciplinary coursework that surveys the diverse cultures, geography, literature, politics and economics of the African continent. They also develop in-depth knowledge of various African countries, both historically and in the modern age. Most often hailing from the disciplines of anthropology, English, French, history, political science and religious studies, the widely varied interests of our minors generate cross-disciplinary and trans-cultural dialogues that provide useful preparation for any work in which solid and creative research and communication skills are essential.

African Studies minors have gone on to government and private sector employment in academia, computer science, environmentalism, foreign service, health sciences, human rights, international business, library science, journalism, law and politics, as well as other fields.

Study Abroad

To expand our students’ understanding of global connections, the program strongly encourages study abroad on the African continent for African Studies Minors and requires it for International Studies majors.

There are several options to study abroad through a College of Charleston sponsored program. Faculty-led summer programs are currently offered to Morocco, Rwanda/ Uganda, Ghana, Madagascar and South Africa. In addition CofC has an exchange agreement with the University of Cape Coast in Ghana.

Other African destinations that are available to students via CofC’s Center for International Education have included Botswana, Egypt, Gambia, Guinea, Kenya, Liberia, Mali, Uganda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Tanzania and Tunisia.
African Studies Minor (18 credit hours)

Required courses:
AFST 101 Introduction to African Studies

HIST 272 Pre-Colonial Africa
OR
HIST 273 Modern Africa
OR
POLI 342 Politics of Africa

Select 12 additional credit hours from the following:

AFST 202 Special Topics in African Studies
AFST 205 Gender in Africa
AFST 302 Special Topics
AFST 400 Independent Study in African Studies
ANTH 322 Peoples and Cultures of Africa
ARTH 210 African Art
ENGL 233 Survey of Non-Western Twentieth Century Literature
OR
ENGL 234 Survey of Third-World Masterpieces
ENGL 352 Major African Writers
ENGL 353 African Women Writers
ENGL 358 Colonial and Postcolonial British Literature
FREN 334 Interpreting Francophone Literature and Film
FREN 336 Cultural Panorama of the Francophone World
FREN 454 Voices from the Maghreb and/or Sub-Saharan Africa
HEAL 230 Global Health
HIST 272 Pre-Colonial Africa
HIST 273 Modern Africa
INTL 350 Cross Regional Studies*
LTXX XXX Any 200-level Literature in Translation survey course (i.e., LTPO, LTRS, LTFR, etc.) *
PEAC 139 African Dance
POLI 267 Model African Union
POLI 342 Politics of Africa
POLI 395 Global Political Thought

Note:
*Provided that at least 1/3 of the course content focuses on African issues/authors, requires director approval

Departmental special topics, tutorials, and independent study courses will also be offered as appropriate.
International Studies Major: Africa Concentration (33+ credit hours)

Required Courses:
INTL 100 Introduction to International Studies
OR
HONS 173 Introduction to International Studies
INTL 200 Issues and Approaches in International Studies
INTL 350 Cross Regional Studies
INTL 495 International Studies Capstone

Select one course from each of the following two categories:
Category I: 100-level Global Thinking Course
GEOG 101 World Regional Geography
HIST 104 World History since 1500
HIST 116 Modern History
HONS 166 Honors World Politics
INTL 120 Economics of Globalization
POLI 103 World Politics
POLI 104 World Regional Geography
RELS 105 Introduction to World Religions

Category II: 200-level Global Thinking Course
ANTH 201 Cultural Anthropology
CPLT 200 Introduction to Comparative Literature
ENGL 233 Survey of Non-Western Twentieth Century Literature
ENGL 234 Survey of Third-World Masterpieces
MUSC 233 World Music Cultures
RELS 215 Religion and Globalization

Study Abroad Requirement
All International Studies majors are required to spend one semester or summer in a study or internship abroad program approved by the program and earn a minimum of 6 credit hours with the provision for an alternative or exemption on the basis of special circumstances.

300-Level Credit Requirement
International Studies majors must take a minimum of 12 credit hours at the 300-level or above in the International Studies major. These credits must include INTL 350, INTL 495, and at least two courses in their chosen concentration(s).

General Courses
Special topics courses may be used to fulfill concentration electives. Check with your advisor when these courses are offered. Independent Study and Bachelor's Essay may be available for your concentration - check with your advisor.
INTL 290 Special Topics in International Studies
INTL 390 Special Topics in International Studies
INTL 400 Independent Study in International Studies
INTL 401 Internship in International Studies
INTL 499A/B Bachelor's Essay (6 credit hours)
Africa Concentration requirements (18+ credit hours)

The Africa Concentration in International Studies requires completion of 18 hours including a core course of 3 hours, and 15 hours of (core) electives in Categories I, II and III.

Core Course (3 credit hours):
AFST 101 Introduction to African Civilization

Category I: Core Electives (choose one course from the following (3 credit hours))
ANTH 322 Peoples and Cultures of Africa
HIST 273 Modern Africa
POLI 342 Politics of Africa

Category II: 200-Level Electives (Choose two courses from the following (6 credit hours))
AFST 202 Special Topics in African Studies
ARTH 210 African Art
ENGL 233 Survey of Non-Western Twentieth Century Literature
OR
ENGL 234 Survey of Third-World Masterpieces
HIST 272 Pre-Colonial Africa
HIST 273 Modern Africa
LTFR 250 Francophone Literature in Translation
POLI 267 Model African Union

Category III: 300+-Level Electives (Choose two courses from the following (6 credit hours))
AFST 302 Special Topics
AFST 400 Independent Study in African Studies
ANTH 322 Peoples and Cultures of Africa
ENGL 352 Major African Writers
ENGL 353 African Women Writers
ENGL 358 Colonial and Postcolonial British Literature
FREN 334 Interpreting Francophone Literature and Film
FREN 336 Cultural Panorama of the Francophone World
FREN 454 Voices from the Maghreb and/or Sub-Saharan Africa

POLI 342 Politics of Africa

Foreign Language Requirement:
Complete 202 (or the equivalent) in one foreign language and an additional 6 credit hours in the same or a different foreign language (or the equivalent). Languages include Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Hebrew, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish.
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