African Studies

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The African Studies Program encourages teaching and scholarship on sub-Saharan Africa, North Africa, and the wider African diaspora. The program is a focal point for students and faculty members with expertise in African studies, encouraging course offerings related to Africa, promoting study abroad programs and internships, raising funds to expand African studies resources, and organizing campus and local community events pertaining to Africa. In addition, the program supports faculty and student research on Africa and facilitates dissemination of research through the Baobab Lectures (for faculty and guest presentations) and the Acacia Seminars (for presentations of student research and experiences).

Students may earn an undergraduate minor in African studies.

Overseas Opportunities

The university sponsors a summer journalism program in Ghana as well as a summer international studies program in Dakar, Senegal. UO students may apply to study at the University of Ghana; the University of Cape Town or Stellenbosch University, South Africa; or the University Cheikh Anta Diop, Senegal, through the Council on International Educational Exchange. Students may also choose one of nineteen programs in thirteen African countries sponsored by the School for International Training—Botswana, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Madagascar, Mali, Morocco, Senegal, South Africa, Tanzania, Tunisia, and Uganda. Financial aid is available for all these programs. For more information, call the International Affairs office, 541-346-3207.

Students in all University of Oregon study abroad programs enroll in courses with subject codes that are unique to individual programs. Special course numbers are reserved for overseas study. See International Affairs in the **Academic Resources** section of this catalog. Students may earn academic credit while gaining career-related work experience through internships in sub-Saharan Africa overseen by the IE_3 Global Internships program. Financial aid is available. Information may be requested from the International Affairs office.

African Language Study

The UO offers first- and second-year Modern Standard Arabic and Swahili. UO 5-credit Arabic and Swahili courses satisfy the university's two-year BA foreign-language requirement. For courses in Arabic, see the Religious Studies (http://catalog.uoregon.edu/archive/2014-2015/arts_sciences/religiousstudies) section of this catalog.

The University of Oregon also offers opportunities for self-study, with the assistance of native speakers, in Akan, Wolof, Bamana-Dyula, Hausa-Fulani, Shona, and Amharic. Information is available from the Yamada Language Center; call 541-346-4011.

Participating Faculty

Lindsay F. Braun, history

Yvonne A. Braun, women's and gender studies

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Jenifer P. Craig, dance

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Janis C. Weeks, biology

Frances J. White, anthropology

Stephen R. Wooten, international studies

Associated

John E. Russell, library

Undergraduate Studies

Minor in African Studies

Each student in the minor program is assigned a faculty advisor. Students who want to earn an undergraduate minor in African studies must satisfy the following requirements, comprising 28 graded credits and *either* the study of an African language *or* a study abroad or internship opportunity in Africa. Current Africa-related courses that count toward the minor are listed on the program website (africa.uoregon.edu) under the African studies minor link.

Core Courses		
HUM 315	Introduction to African Studies	4
History of Africa		4
Select one of the following:		
HIST 325	Precolonial Africa	
HIST 326	Colonial and Postcolonial Africa	
Contemporary African Issues		4
Select one of the following:		
BI 309	Tropical Diseases in Africa	
ENVS 450	Political Ecology	
FR 407	Seminar: [Topic] (Contemporary Africa)	
GEOG 475	Advanced Geography of Non-European-American Regions: [Topic] (Africa—Politics, Development, and Environment)	
INTL 345	Africa Today: Issues and Concerns	
INTL 445	Development and Social Change in Sub-Saharan Africa	

HIST 417	Society and Culture in Modern Africa: [Topic]	
J 410	Experimental Course: [Topic] (Media in Ghana)	
SOC 450	Sociology of Developing Areas	
Culture, Ethnicity, and Identity in Africa		4
Select one of the following:		
ANTH 310	Exploring Other Cultures: [Topic] (African Masks and Meanings)	
ANTH 327	Anthropological Perspectives on Africa	
FLR 416	African Folklore	
FR 303	Culture et langage: Identites Francophones	
FR 490	20th-Century Literature: [Topic] (Postcolonial Africa)	
INTL 447	Comparative Tribalisms	
LING 331	African Languages: Identity, Ethnicity, History	
LING 407	Seminar: [Topic] (African Language Families)	
MUS 462	Popular Musics in the African Diaspora	
Electives		
Electives (see Electives list) [1]		12
Advanced Research Requirement		
400-level course requiring research paper with 50 percent Africa content [2]		
Experiencing Africa		
Select one of the following:		15
African language [3]		
One term of study or internship in Africa [4]		
Total Credits		43

1 Must be approved by a faculty advisor; 8 credits must be at the 400 level. Recommended courses include any courses listed in the course list or the Electives list. Additional courses may be approved by the faculty advisor.

2 The paper must be approved by a faculty advisor and may be completed in a course that counts for one of the requirements listed. For students who have completed an internship in Africa, the paper may be based on primary source data gathered during that experience. For others, the research paper should include an original argument or line of interpretation based on secondary sources.

3 Possibilities include Arabic, Swahili, Wolof, or one year of another approved language. Although English, French, Portuguese, and Spanish are the first languages of many African citizens, they may not be used to satisfy this requirement.

4 For study abroad, courses will be evaluated for UO credit on a case-by-case basis through the standard Office of International Affairs procedures for assigning credit and course equivalency. Students consult with the faculty member who is sponsoring their study-abroad experience to prepare an agreement that must include the following:

- a list of readings relevant to the experience, which are to be completed prior to and during the experience
- a reflective journal on the student's activities and cross-cultural experiences
- a final paper integrating preparatory readings with the experience (approximately 4,500 words, plus references)

An African studies minor advisor must approve the credits earned in study-abroad or internship programs.

Electives

AFR 407	Seminar: [Topic] (Africa in Oregon)	1-5
AFR 410	Experimental Course (Global Disease Eradication)	1-5
ANTH 327	Anthropological Perspectives on Africa	4
ANTH 310	Exploring Other Cultures: [Topic] (Near Eastern and Egyptian Prehistory)	4
ANTH 410	Experimental Course: [Topic] (Various African Topics)	5
BI 309	Tropical Diseases in Africa	4
BI 410	Experimental Course: [Topic] (HIV/AIDS in Africa)	16
DAN 301	Dance in Traditional Cultures: Africa: [Topic] (Africa and the Diaspora)	4
DANC 399	Special Studies: [Topic] (African Drumming)	1-5
DAN 481	Repertory Dance Company: Rehearsal (Dance Africa)	1-12
ENG 399	Special Studies: [Topic] (African Literature)	5
ENVS 450	Political Ecology	4
ENVS 607	Seminar: [Topic] (Political Ecology)	1-5
FR 303	Culture et langage: Identites Francophones	4
FR 407	Seminar: [Topic] (Various African Topics)	1-6
FR 410	Experimental Course: [Topic] (African Cinema)	1-4
FR 490	20th-Century Literature: [Topic] (The Absurd and the Fantastic)	4
HIST 325	Precolonial Africa	4
HIST 326	Colonial and Postcolonial Africa	4
HIST 410	Experimental Course: [Topic] (Health and Disease in Africa)	6
HIST 417	Society and Culture in Modern Africa: [Topic]	4
HIST 419	African Regional Histories: [Topic]	4
INTL 345	Africa Today: Issues and Concerns	4
INTL 420	International Community Development	4
INTL 421	Gender and International Development	4
INTL 445	Development and Social Change in Sub-Saharan Africa	4
INTL 447	Comparative Tribalisms	4
J 410	Experimental Course: [Topic] (Media in Ghana)	4

LING 407	Seminar: [Topic] (African Language Families)	1-5
MUS 358	Music in World Cultures	4
MUS 451	Introduction to Ethnomusicology	4
MUS 452	Musical Instruments of the World	4
PS 399	Special Studies: [Topic]	1-5
SOC 313	Social Issues and Movements	4
SOC 450	Sociology of Developing Areas	4
WGS 410	Experimental Course: [Topic] (Gender and Global Social Justice)	1-4

Deviations from the requirements listed must be approved by an African studies advisor.

Restrictions

No more than 8 credits toward the minor may be from 100-level courses or courses with less than 50 percent Africa content, and no more than 4 credits may be from music or dance performance courses. Students must consult with an African studies advisor to confirm that curricular overlap between the student's major and the African studies minor maintains the principle of academic breadth.

Graduate Studies

Arranging a graduate degree program with a concentration in African studies is possible in a number of departments and programs in the College of Arts and Sciences and the School of Music and Dance. Anthropology, biology, dance, environmental studies, French (in the Romance languages department), folklore, geography, history, international studies, linguistics, political science, and sociology have faculty members with expertise and strong interest in this area.

Students should consult with the affiliated faculty members regarding such arrangements.

Courses

AFR 196. Field Studies: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.
Repeatable.

AFR 198. Workshop: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.
Repeatable.

AFR 199. Special Studies: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.
Repeatable.

AFR 399. Special Studies: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.
Repeatable.

AFR 401. Research: [Topic]. 1-12 Credits.
Repeatable.

AFR 403. Thesis. 1-12 Credits.
Repeatable.

AFR 404. Internship: [Topic]. 1-12 Credits.
Repeatable.

AFR 405. Reading and Conference: [Topic]. 1-12 Credits.
Repeatable.

AFR 406. Field Studies: [Topic]. 1-12 Credits.
Repeatable.

AFR 407. Seminar: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.
Repeatable.

AFR 408. Workshop: [Topic]. 1-12 Credits.
Repeatable.

AFR 409. Supervised Tutoring. 1-4 Credits.
Repeatable.

AFR 410. Experimental Course. 1-5 Credits.
Repeatable.

AFR 507. Seminar: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.
Repeatable.

AFR 508. Workshop: [Topic]. 1-12 Credits.
Repeatable.

AFR 510. Experimental Course. 1-5 Credits.
Repeatable.