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 lecture series.

Students may earn an undergraduate minor in African studies. A graduate specialization track in African studies is also available.

Overseas Opportunities

The university sponsors a summer Swahili program in Zanzibar, a journalism program in Ghana, and 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 Office of International Affairs, 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 Office of International Affairs.

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/2017-2018/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

Michael Allan, comparative literature

Oluwakemi "Kemi" Balogun, women's, gender, and sexuality studies

Doug Blandy, arts and administration

B. Mokaya Bosire, linguistics

Lindsay F. Braun, history

Yvonne A. Braun, women's, gender, and sexuality studies

Alfredo Burlando, economics

Jenifer P. Craig, dance

André Djiffack, Romance languages

Stephen Dueppen, anthropology

Hanan Elsherif, religious studies

Maria Fernanda Escallón, anthropology

Stephen R. Frost, anthropology

Dennis C. Galvan, international studies

Ibrahim J. Gassama, law

Lisa M. Gilman, English

Melissa Graboyes, honors college

Rita Honka, dance

Habib Iddrisu, music and dance

Leigh Johnson, geography

Leslie McLees, geography

Lanie Millar, Romance languages

Angela Montague, anthropology

Doris L. Payne, linguistics

Kory Russel, landscape architecture

Ron Severson, management

H. Leslie Steeves, journalism and communication

Nelson Ting, anthropology

Peter A. Walker, geography

Janis C. Weeks, biology

Frances J. White, anthropology

David R. Woken, UO Libraries

Stephen R. Wooten, international studies

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.

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 215	Introduction to African Studies	4
History of Africa		4
Select one of the following (or an approved alternative):		
HIST 325	Precolonial Africa	
HIST 326	Colonial and Postcolonial Africa	
ANTH 453	African Archaeology	
Contemporary African Issues		4
Select one of the following (or an approved alternative):		
AFR 199	Special Studies: [Topic] (Health and Disease in Africa)	
BI 309	Tropical Diseases in Africa	
ENVS 450	Political Ecology	
FLR 225	Voices of Africa	
FR 407	Seminar: [Topic] (Contemporary Africa)	
GEOG 209	Geography of the Middle East and North Africa	
GEOG 475	Advanced Geography of Non-European-American Regions: [Topic] (Africa—Politics, Development, and Environment)	
HIST 417	Society and Culture in Modern Africa: [Topic]	
INTL 260	Culture, Capitalism, and Globalization	
INTL 345	Africa Today: Issues and Concerns	
INTL 445	Development and Social Change in Sub-Saharan Africa	
SOC 450	Sociology of Developing Areas	
Culture, Ethnicity, and Identity in Africa		4
Select one of the following (or an approved alternative):		
ANTH 310	Exploring Other Cultures: [Topic] (African Masks and Meanings)	
ANTH 327	Anthropological Perspectives on Africa	
DANC 185	African Dance	
DANC 199	Special Studies: [Topic] (African Drumming)	
DANC 285	African II	
FLR 416	African Folklore	
FR 490	20th-Century Literature: [Topic] (Postcolonial Africa or Mongo Beti)	
LING 407	Seminar: [Topic] (African Language Families)	
MUS 462	Popular Musics in the African Diaspora	
Electives		
Electives (see Electives list) [1]		12
Total Credits		**28**

[1] Electives must be approved by a faculty advisor and must be at the 300 or 400level, although as much as 8 credits of Swahili courses at any level may be applied. Recommended courses include any courses listed in the course list or electives list. Additional courses may be approved by the faculty advisor. 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
ANTH 310	Exploring Other Cultures: [Topic] (Near Eastern and Egyptian Prehistory)	4
ANTH 327	Anthropological Perspectives on Africa	4
ANTH 342	Archaeology of Egypt and Near East	4
ANTH 410	Experimental Course: [Topic] (African Topics)	5
BI 309	Tropical Diseases in Africa	4
DAN 301	African Dance Aesthetics (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
FLR 416	African Folklore	4
FR 407	Seminar: [Topic] (African Topics)	1-6
FR 490	20th-Century Literature: [Topic] (The Absurd and the Fantastic; Postcolonial Africa)	4
GEOG 475	Advanced Geography of Non-European-American Regions: [Topic] (Africa: Politics, Development, and Environment)	4
HIST 325	Precolonial Africa	4
HIST 326	Colonial and Postcolonial Africa	4
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	Global Community Development	4
INTL 421	Gender and International Development	4
INTL 445	Development and Social Change in Sub-Saharan Africa	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] (Any courses with African topics)	1-5
SOC 313	Social Issues and Movements	4
SOC 450	Sociology of Developing Areas	4
SWAH 101	First Year Swahili	5
SWAH 102–103	First-Year Swahili	10
SWAH 201	Second-Year Swahili	5
SWAH 201–202	Second-Year Swahili	10
SWAH 301	Advanced Swahili	5
SWAH 302	Contemporary Swahili Literature [1]	5
SWAH 303	Language and Culture: Swahili Nation	5
WGS 410	Experimental Course: [Topic] (Gender and Global Social Justice)	1-4
WGS 432	Gender, Environment, and Development	4

[1] Repeatable.

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

Restrictions

No more than 8 credits may be from courses with 25 to 49 percent Africa content. No more than 4 credits may be from performance courses. No more than 12 credits may be from a single department. 8 credits must be at the 400 level. No more than 4 credits may be taken pass/no pass. Students must consult with an African studies advisor to confirm that the 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.

Graduate Specialization

Students in a University of Oregon MA or PhD program may choose a graduate specialization in African studies. The student will be assigned an advisor within African studies and must satisfy the following requirements:

ANTH 650	African Studies Seminar	4
Approved graduate course in African history		4
Approved graduate course on issues in contemporary Africa		4
Approved graduate course dealing with issues in African culture, ethnicity, and identity		4
Total Credits		**16**