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 study abroad office organizes a journalism program in Ghana, a global health program in Ghana, and a summer Swahili program in Zanzibar that runs every other year. There are also many other opportunities for students to enroll in study abroad programs in Africa, which could involve enrolling at foreign universities or participating in specialized training programs. Financial aid is available for many of these programs. For more information, see https://geo.uoregon.edu/programs or 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 GlobalWorks 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, and occasionally offers these courses at the third-year level. 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/2022-2023/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 at https://babel.uoregon.edu/language-programs/self-study; or call 541-346-4011.

Participating Faculty

Michael Allan, comparative literature

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

Doug Blandy, arts and administration

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Lindsay F. Braun, history

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

Alfredo Burlando, economics

André Djiffack, romance languages

Stephen Dueppen, anthropology

Hanan Elsherif, religious studies

Maria Fernanda Escallón, anthropology

Stephen R. Frost, anthropology

Daphne Gallagher, honors college

Dennis C. Galvan, global studies

Ibrahim J. Gassama, law

Melissa Graboyes, history

Rita Honka, dance

Habib Iddrisu, music and dance

Leigh Johnson, geography

Allison McGuffie, cinema studies

Lanie Millar, romance languages

James Muruthi, education

Senyo Ofori-Parku, journalism and communication

Doris L. Payne, linguistics

Kory Russel, landscape architecture

Leslie Steeves, journalism and communication

Nelson Ting, anthropology

Peter A. Walker, geography

Janis C. Weeks, biology

Frances J. White, anthropology

Stephen R. Wooten, global studies

Undergraduate Studies

Minor in African Studies

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 (http://africa.uoregon.edu)) under the African studies minor link.

Code	Title	Credits
Core Courses		
AFR 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]	
GLBL 345	Africa Today: Issues and Concerns	
Culture, Ethnicity, and Identity in Africa		**4**
Select one of the following (or an approved alternative):		
ANTH 410	Experimental Course: [Topic]	
DANC 185	African I	
DANC 199	Special Studies: [Topic] (African Drumming)	
FLR 225	Voices of Africa	
FR 407	Seminar: [Topic]	
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

Code	Title	Credits
AFR 407	Seminar: [Topic] (Africa in Oregon)	1-5
AFR 410	Experimental Course	1-5
ANTH 342	Archaeology of Egypt and Near East	4
ANTH 410	Experimental Course: [Topic] (African Topics)	5
BI 309	Tropical Diseases in Africa	4
BI 410	Experimental Course: [Topic]	1-16
DAN 301	African Dance Aesthetics (Africa and the Diaspora)	4
DAN 410	Experimental Course: [Topic]	1-5
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 410	Experimental Course: [Topic]	1-5
ENVS 450	Political Ecology	4
FR 361	French Cinema for Nonmajors	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
GLBL 407	Seminar: [Topic]	1-5
GLBL 445	Development and Social Change in Sub-Saharan Africa	4
HIST 407	Seminar: [Topic]	5
HIST 410	Experimental Course: [Topic]	1-6
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

GLBL 345	Africa Today: Issues and Concerns	4
GLBL 420	Global Community Development	4
GLBL 421	Gender and International Development	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		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 203	Second Year Swahili	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. 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 and public culture, 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:

Code	Title	Credits
ANTH 650		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**

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 215. Introduction to African Studies. 4 Credits.
Introduction to the interdisciplinary field of African studies. Evaluates the social, cultural, political, economic and environmental diversity of and issues affecting historical and contemporary Africa and African peoples.

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. Terminal Project. 1-12 Credits.
Repeatable.

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

AFR 503. Thesis. 1-12 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.

AFR 601. Research: [Topic]. 1-4 Credits.
Repeatable.

AFR 603. Dissertation. 1-9 Credits.
Repeatable.

AFR 604. Internship: [Topic]. 1-4 Credits.
Repeatable once for a maximum of 8 credits.

AFR 605. Reading and Conference: [Topic]. 1-16 Credits.
Repeatable.

AFR 606. Field Studies: [Topic]. 1-4 Credits.
Repeatable once for a maximum of 8 credits.

AFR 609. Terminal Project. 1-16 Credits.
Repeatable.