Black Studies

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Born out of the Black freedom struggle of the 1960s and 1970s, Black studies is a political and an intellectual project, through which scholarly inquiry serves as a path to the empowerment and liberation of people of African descent socially, politically, and spiritually. The Black studies minor also honors centuries-long histories of Black thought, from pre-colonial, thriving African civilizations through the anti-slavery abolition movement to the prison abolition movement, from decades of Race Men to Black feminism and Black Queer studies, from the African continent to the Americas to the Caribbean and all throughout the Diaspora.

Black studies spans centuries, crosses oceans, and is shaped by multiple geographies and cultural practices. Students can immerse themselves in histories of African and African-descended people rooted in and routed through the Atlantic slave trade, colonialism, and imperialism across the Diaspora.

Black Studies Minor Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Core Course:		4
ES 250	Introduction to Black Studies	
Lower Division - At least 12 credits from the following: [1]		12
ENG 241	Introduction to African American Literature	
HIST 250	African American History	
HIST 251	African American History	
WGS 199	Special Studies: [Topic]	
BLST 199	Special Studies: [Topic]	
Upper Division - At least 12 credits from the following: [2]		12
ES 352	Social Equity and Criminal Justice	
ES 442	Caribbean Literature and Politics	
ES 450	Race and Incarceration	
HIST 470	African American History to 1877: [Topic]	
HIST 471	African American History since 1877: [Topic]	
ENG 468	Ethnic Literature: [Topic]	
ENG 479	Major Authors: [Topic]	
PHIL 452	Philosophy and Race	
SPAN 490	20th-Century Latin American Literature: [Topic]	
WGS 399	Special Studies: [Topic]	
Total Credits		**28**

1. Following the successful completion of their gateway course and meeting with an advisor, students can decide if they want lower-division work in a combination of Anthropology, English, History, IRES, and WGSS lower-division courses.
2. Consult with your advisor to discuss upper-division coursework.