



WHAT CAN AN AAAS MINOR AT UK DO FOR YOU?

Students who choose our new minor in African American and Africana Studies (AAAS) will uncover the centrality of people of African descent to humanity, their centrality to the creation of the modern world and the present-day struggles and triumphs of Black people. An AAAS minor also helps students develop analytical and critical thinking skills, contribute to the diversity of ideas at the University of Kentucky and the larger society, and offers solutions to the problems that challenge and constrict Black life.

NEW MINOR IN AFRICAN AMERICAN AND AFRICANA STUDIES:

By completing 18 hours of coursework, students can earn a minor in African American and Africana Studies. This minor offers a cultural, historical, and literary base that can strengthen any major in the Humanities or the Social Sciences as well as prepare a student for engaging people of African descent and the issues which affect them.

The African American and Africana Studies Program seeks to promote the interest and knowledge of the African diaspora experience through quality teaching and research. Multidisciplinary in scope, AAAS offers a selection of courses in Anthropology, English, History, Geography, Political Science, Sociology, Philosophy, Religion, and Language.

Courses affiliated with the Program are listed each Fall and Spring semester on our website and in the University Schedule of Classes under the AAS prefix.

MAJOR COURSES (9 CREDITS):

- AAS 100 (also HIS 100): Introduction to African Studies: This course provides a basic overview of African histories, cultures, and societies.
- AAS 200: Introduction to African American Studies: an interdisciplinary course which establishes the intellectual context for an examination of the African American experience.
- AAS 301: Introduction to the African Diaspora: This course explores the making of the African Diaspora in the Atlantic and Indian Ocean worlds through a combination of historical and ethnographic studies.

GUIDED ELECTIVES (9 CREDITS):

Students must complete 9 additional credit hours of AAS prefix coursework. These courses include but are not limited to:

- AAS 400: Special Topics in African American Studies: a detailed investigation of a particular topic in Black Studies, with emphasis both on content and existing research. Topics will vary from semester to semester and are announced the preceding semester. This course may be repeated a maximum of six credits when identified by a different subtitle.
- AAS 401: Reading and Research in AAAS: The student pursues a course of reading and research under the guidance of an instructor which culminates in a major research project.

Other courses may be used to satisfy this requirement with permission of the Director of Undergraduate Studies (DUS).

QUICK AAAS MINOR FACTS:

- Only students who declare the AAAS minor in fall 2021 or later will automatically be under the new curriculum.
- Technically, students should complete the curriculum tied to the year they declared the minor.
- Anyone who declared the minor prior to the first day of class in fall 2021, and wants to switch to the new curriculum, would have to request that the audit year for their minor be changed to 2021-22 through asadvisingcenter@uky.edu
 - o It is up to the student whether they want to change the audit year.