

# AFRICAN AMERICAN AND AFRICAN DIASPORA STUDIES, MINOR

Website: <https://www.washburn.edu/academics/interdisciplinary-studies/aaads.html>

## Description

African American and African Diaspora Studies (AAADS) is an interdisciplinary program that examines the societies and cultures of people of African descent around the globe. This includes the ideas, institutions, and practices that African Americans and people throughout the African diaspora have used to survive and shape the modern world. The mission and learning objectives of the program are rooted in critical race theory-in particular, the premise that the construction of race and ethnicity is inextricably linked to systems of power and privilege-and thus an ability to analyze how concepts of race and ethnicity both influence and are influenced by social, historical, and cultural processes is essential to the pursuit of social justice. AAADS aims to help students cultivate this ability, preparing them to contribute to the creation of a more socially just world through their professional and civic endeavors.

## Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the AAADS minor, students will be able to:

- Describe the history of the African diaspora and the continued impact of colonialism, global slave trade, and segregation/apartheid on African Americans and other African diasporic communities.
- Analyze the social construction of race and ethnicity and how their intersections with class, gender, and other factors affect African Americans and other African diasporic individuals and communities.
- Apply interdisciplinary methods and theories appropriate to African American and African Diaspora Studies.
- Demonstrate social justice praxis informed by critical race theory.

## Study Plan

To obtain the optional minor in African American and African Diaspora Studies (AAADS), a student must complete at least 15 hours of designated AAADS coursework, including both required and elective courses. Electives must be taken in at least two disciplines, and at least 6 hours of electives must be at the upper-division level. These courses should include AD 200 Introduction to Critical Race & Ethnic Studies. The minor will be supervised by the director of the AAADS program or a member of the AAADS advisory board. Students may complete the minor in two ways. They may

- Submit a study plan consisting of coursework formally identified as counting toward the AAADS minor, or
- Develop a study plan to request alternate coursework be accepted toward the minor.

The minor plans will be reviewed by the director of the program and advisory board to ensure the program learning outcomes are met. Students wishing to complete the minor must submit their study plan for approval before completing coursework in the minor.

## Required Courses

Code	Title	Hours
AD 200	Introduction to Critical Race & Ethnic Studies	3
One of the following courses:		3
HI 328	African-American History	
HI 329	Civil Rights Movement	
HI 370	Modern Africa, c. 1700-Present	
AN 317	Peoples and Cultures of Africa	
Electives that may count toward the minor include but are not limited to:		9
AN 317	Peoples and Cultures of Africa	
AR 309	Art of Africa	
HI 328	African-American History	
HI 329	Civil Rights Movement	
HI 370	Modern Africa, c. 1700-Present	
HS 450/650	Multicultural Issues	
MM 360	Diversity & Representation in U.S. Media	
PY 395	Special Topics	
Approved directed readings or independent studies		
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>15</b>

Please note that, while the classes above all require prerequisites, these prerequisites will be waived for students pursuing this minor program.

## Course Offerings

### AD 199 Special Topics in African American and African Diaspora Studies (3)

Topics will vary from semester to semester and will be announced in advance. May be taken for more than one semester. Prerequisite: Consent of Instructor

### AD 200 Introduction to Critical Race & Ethnic Studies (3)

This course provides students with foundational knowledge of Critical Race Theory as a lens to understand race and ethnicity as socially, culturally, and historically constructed realities that sustain unequal distribution of political and socioeconomic power and inform constructions of identity and community. Students will gain skills to work toward an anti-racist and socially just society. Prerequisite: None.

Course Attributes:

- KBOR Gen Ed: Inclusion and Belonging
- KBOR Gen Ed: Social and Behavioral Sciences
- Pre-AY 2024-2025 Gen Ed: Social Science
- USLO: Global Citizenship, Ethics and Diversity

### AD 299 Special Topics in African American and African Diaspora Studies (3)

Topics will vary from semester to semester and will be announced in advance. May be taken for more than one semester. Prerequisite: Consent of Instructor

### AD 395 Directed Study in African American and African Diaspora Studies (1-3)

Directed readings and individualized research program on a subject relevant to African American and African Diaspora Studies and with the guidance of a professor. May be taken for more than one semester. Prerequisite: Consent of Instructor and approval of the AAADS Director.

**AD 397 Internship in AAADS (1-3)**

A program for junior/senior-level undergraduates offered in cooperation with a local or state agency with the supervision of faculty and/or the AAADS Director. Prerequisite: Approval of the AAADS Director.

**AD 399 Special Topics in African American and African Diaspora Studies (3)**

Topics will vary from semester to semester and will be announced in advance. May be taken for more than one semester. Prerequisite: Consent of Instructor