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Program Information

The field of African Studies at Indiana University focuses primarily on Africa south of the Sahara. Attention is given, however, to developments and events in North Africa that have significance for other areas of the continent. The program is designed to give students a broad knowledge of the art, ethnography, folklore, history, economic development, languages, literature, music, and politics of this region. Care is also taken to prepare graduate students who will specialize in this region as teachers, researchers, foreign service personnel, museum professionals, journalists, or business professionals.

M.A. in African Studies

The African Studies master's degree program is intended for students who wish to: (1) obtain a graduate degree in African

Studies in order to pursue careers in government, international relations (e.g., the Diplomatic Corps), international development, international business, or a professional field; (2) continue graduate work in a discipline; or (3) combine an M.A. degree in African Studies with another master's degree in the arts, social and other sciences, or in one of the professional schools.

The program normally takes two years to complete. It gives students the flexibility to tailor course work to their needs and interests while requiring them to develop competence on a particular topic or region as well as in research methods and at least intermediate proficiency in an African language.

Admissions Requirements

Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education with evidence of superior ability, completion of the graduate record exam, a statement of interest, and a writing sample.

Course Requirements

Thirty credit hours of course work distributed as follows:

- AFRI-A731 African Studies Interdisciplinary Graduate Seminar (3 cr.)
- AFRI-A732 Bibliography of Sub-Saharan Africa (3 cr.)
- AFRI-A650 Interdisciplinary Research Methods (3 cr.)
- AFRI-A651 Independent Research / Directed Readings (up to 6 cr.); and elective courses organized around a topical or regional concentration to complete a total of 30 credits.

Elective courses are to be selected from the range of cross-listed African Studies offerings in the College of Arts and Sciences and several professional schools, with the approval of the student's major advisor. Electives may include three additional credits of AFRI-A731 since the topic for the African Studies Interdisciplinary Graduate Seminar changes every semester and is offered by different faculty members on a rotating basis.

Language Requirement

At least four semesters of an African language. Students may have the language requirement waived by demonstrating equivalent competence through an examination completed under supervision of the African Languages Coordinator. Up to three credits for the study of an African language beyond the second year level may count toward the electives.

M.A. Committee and Thesis

Students are required to constitute a committee composed of a disciplinary advisor and two additional members with relevant regional or topical expertise, approved by the director of the African Studies Program. Committee members must be selected from African Studies affiliate faculty with professional experience on the African continent. The purpose of the committee is to provide consultation to the student as needed and to read/comment on the master's thesis. There is no M.A. examination option.

The M.A. thesis should be an in-depth treatment of the chosen topic, interdisciplinary in nature and 70 to 100 double-spaced pages in length. It may be an expanded seminar paper or an

entirely new project based on library, archival, field, or museum research, and should make use of relevant sources in a language other than English. All three committee members must approve the thesis but may agree to waive an oral defense.

Dual M.A./M.L.S. in African Studies and Library Science

The College of Arts and Sciences African Studies Program and the School of Library and Information Science jointly offer a three-year program that qualifies students for a dual master's degree (M.A./M.L.S.). The program responds to the growing need for librarians with Africa-specific knowledge and research experience in the humanities and social sciences. The dual M.A./M.L.S. program requires completion of a minimum of 56 credit hours of graduate coursework and the two degrees must be awarded simultaneously. Students will be assigned a mentor/advisor from each unit. The student's African Studies M.A. thesis committee should include a representative of the SLIS faculty or other means of including perspectives of both programs.

Admission Requirements

Same as for the College of Arts and Sciences Master of Arts in African Studies degree, except that students must also apply to the master's program of the School of Library and Information Science and meet its established admissions criteria. Students must be accepted by both units in order to be admitted to the program.

African Studies Core Requirements

A minimum twenty-six hours of coursework distributed as follows:

AFRI-A731 African Studies Interdisciplinary Graduate Seminar (3 cr.)

AFRI-A732 Bibliography of Sub-Saharan Africa (3 cr.)

AFRI-A650 Interdisciplinary Research Methods (3 cr.) At least twelve credit hours of elective courses organized around a topical or regional concentration

AFRI-A651 Independent Research/Directed Readings (up to 6 cr.) toward the M.A. thesis

Elective courses are to be selected from the range of cross-listed African Studies offerings in the College of Arts and Sciences and several professional schools, with the approval of the student's major advisor.

Electives may include three additional credits of AFRI-A731, since the topic for the African Studies Interdisciplinary Graduate Seminar changes every semester and is offered by different faculty members on a rotating basis.

Library and Information Science Course Requirements

Thirty credit hours of coursework consisting of:

1. 15 credits of M.L.S. foundation courses, with S552 Academic Library Management to fulfill the management and leadership skills requirement;
2. 3 credits of either S521 Information in the Humanities or S522 Social Science Information; and
3. 12 credits of elective courses chosen in consultation with the student's SLIS advisor. An internship related to African Studies is strongly advised.

Language Requirement

Same as for the M.A. in African Studies.

See also: www.slis.indiana.edu/degrees/joint/africa.html

Ph.D. Minor in African Studies

The African Studies program offers the Ph.D. Minor to students in the following fields: anthropology, archaeology, comparative literature, economics, English, education, fine arts, folklore, French, geography, history, instructional systems technology, journalism, law, linguistics, political science, public and environmental affairs, sociology, and Spanish and Portuguese.

Students selecting African studies as a minor should report to the program office (Woodburn Hall 221) as soon as possible after arriving on campus. The program director and staff will assist with orientation concerning courses, faculty, and students.

Course Requirements

Students minoring in African studies must complete AFRI-A732 Bibliography of Sub-Saharan Africa (to be taken, if possible, during the first year) and four other graduate-level courses in African studies outside their major field. The courses should be at least two different disciplines; must be taught by an African Studies Program affiliated faculty member; and must be approved by the Program director.

The African studies Interdisciplinary Seminar AFRI-A731 may be taken twice for a total of six credits but variable credit is only allowed in addition to having taken it once as a three-credit seminar.

One language course in the third year of study, or higher, may be counted toward the Minor.

The program strongly recommends that Ph.D. candidates who minor in African Studies take two years of an African language in addition to their course work for the minor. Serious scholars of Africa are proficient in at least one African language. Moreover, language proficiency improves opportunities for fieldwork and funding; in fact it is a requirement for important overseas study grants (e.g., SSRC and Fulbright-Hays awards).

Students preparing a minor in African Studies and a minor in

another field may double-count only one course.

Students with special qualifications or previous course work at leading institutions may petition the Graduate Affairs Committee to give credit for work that is comparable to specific courses at Indiana University. Petitions must include a formal letter of request from the candidate, as well as a syllabus from the course in question. The materials should be submitted to the Chair of the Graduate Affairs Committee or the Director of the African Studies Program.

The requirements stated above constitute a minimum level of expectation.

Examination

Although a 3.7 grade point average in African studies courses would normally exempt the student from having to take a written comprehensive examination, the decision in this matter rests with the student's major-field advisor and the faculty member representing African studies as the minor-field advisor. Certifying that the student has met the minimum requirements rests with a faculty member in the African Studies Program who is not in the student's major department.

Courses

The University Graduate School

I701 Multidisciplinary Seminar on Issues and Approaches in Global Studies (3 cr.)

African Studies

A500 Advanced Topics in African Studies (1-4 cr.) Advanced and intensive study of selected topics in African Studies. To include topics not ordinarily covered by existing African Studies Program courses. May not duplicate a regularly offered course.

L400 Topics in African Studies (3 cr.)

OS500 Undistributed Overseas Credit (1-3 cr.)

A650 Interdisciplinary Research Methods (3 cr.) Prepares students to conduct scholarly research and social-impact analysis in Africa as well as design and implement project focused on contemporary issues in areas ranging from development and the environment to health and politics. Also provides students with the background for assessing the results of already completed studies.

A651 Independent Research / Directed Readings (1-3 cr.)

Individually designed course in preparation for and writing of M.A. thesis. Must be directed by an African Studies faculty affiliate and approved by the student's disciplinary advisor and the African Studies Program director. May include fieldwork in Africa and/or research in museums, archives, and libraries. May be repeated for up to 6 credit hours.

A689 Independent Project in Black Literature (3 cr.)

A731 Seminar on contemporary Africa (1-3 cr.) Offered by African Studies faculty across the disciplines on variable topics.

A732 Bibliography of Sub-Saharan Africa (3 cr.) Introduction to the bibliography of Africa south of the Sahara, covering major reference works and bibliographies; regional, trade, and national bibliographies; government publications, social sciences, humanities, statistics, rare books, manuscripts, and online databases. Compilation of a comprehensive bibliography required.

African American and African Diaspora Studies

A500-A503 Introduction to African and African Diaspora Studies (3-3 cr.)

A504 Black Paris: Migration and Cosmopolitanism in the City of Light (3 cr.)

A550 Black Atlantic (4 cr.)

A555 Caribbean, African American and African Leadership, 1957-2000 (3 cr.)

A565 The Black Press in Africa and the Diaspora (4 cr.)

A704 African Americans and Continental Africans: Ties that Bind (4 cr.)

Anthropology

A303 Evolution and Prehistory (3 cr.)

B464 Human Paleontology (3 cr.)

E510 Problems in African Ethnography and Ethnology (3 cr.)

E523 Life Histories (3 cr.)

E600 Seminar in cultural and Social Anthropology [African topics] (3 cr.)

E616 Anthropology of Tourism (3 cr.)

E617 African Women (3 cr.)

E620 Seminar in Cultural Ecology (3 cr.)

E650 African Systems of Thought (1-3 cr.)

E660 Arts in Anthropology (3 cr.)

E675 Law and Culture (3 cr.)

E667 Performing Nationalism (3 cr.)

E668 Ritual, Festival, and Public Culture (3 cr.)

E690 Development and Anthropology (3 cr.)

P314 Early Prehistory of Africa (3 cr.)

P315 Late Prehistory of Africa (3 cr.)

P600 Seminar in Prehistoric Anthropology (3 cr.)

Apparel Merchandising

H401 Cultural Aspects of Dress (3 cr.)

Comparative Literature

C572 Modern African Letters (4 cr.)

C611 Topics in Literary Genres, Modes, and Forms (African topics) (4 cr.)

Economics

E592 Economic Development of Less-Developed Countries (3 cr.)

Education

H520 Education and Social Issues (3 cr.)

H551-H552 Comparative Education I-II (3-3 cr.)

H560 Education and Change in Societies (3 cr.)

H620 Seminar in Educational Policy Studies (3 cr.)

H637 Policy Assessment and Evaluation (3 cr.)

R640 Planning Educational Media Systems: National and International (3 cr.)

Fine Arts

A453 Art of Sub-Saharan Africa (4 cr.)

A552 Art of Eastern and Southern Africa (3 cr.)

A556 Art of Central Africa (3 cr.)

A650 Problems in African Art (4 cr.)

Folklore and Ethnomusicology

F501 Folklore Colloquium (3 cr.)

F516 Proseminar in Folklore Theory and Method I: Materials of Folklore (3 cr.)

F522 Field Work in Folklore/Ethnomusicology (3 cr.)

F574 Seminar in Ethnomusicology: Transcription and Analysis (3 cr.)

F607 Music in African Life (3 cr.)

F608 Music in African film (3 cr.)

F609 Folklore and African American Folklore/Folk Music (3 cr.)

F617 Middle East Folklore/Folk Music (3 cr.)

F694 Black Music in America (3 cr.)

F714 Paradigms of Ethnomusicology (3 cr.)

F740 History of Ideas in Folklore/Ethnomusicology (3 cr.)

F750 Performance Studies (3 cr.)

F755 Folklore, Culture, and Society (3 cr.)

French

F667 Studies in Francophone Literature (3 cr.)

Geography

G604 Seminar in Environmental Geography (3 cr.)

History

E531 African History from Ancient Times to Empires and City States (3 cr.)

E532 African History from Colonial Rule to Independence (3 cr.)

E533 Conflict in Southern Africa (3 cr.)

E534 History of Western Africa (3 cr.)

E536 History of East Africa (3 cr.)

E538 History of Muslim West Africa (3 cr.)

H695 Colloquium in African History (4 cr.)

H795 Seminar in African History (4 cr.)

Journalism

J514 International Communication (3 cr.)

J614 Communication and National Development (3 cr.)

Linguistics

A501 Introduction to African Linguistics (3 cr.)

A502 Language in Africa (3 cr.)

A503 Bantu Linguistics (3 cr.)

A504 Chadic Linguistics (3 cr.)

A747 Seminar in African Linguistics (4 cr.)

L619 Language in Society (3 cr.)

L653-L654 Field Methods in Linguistics I-II (3-3 cr.)

Near Eastern Languages and Cultures

N409 Modern Arabic Literature (3 cr.)

N480 Modern Arabic Poetry (3 cr.)

N541 Arabic Theatre (3 cr.)

Political Science

Y343 Development Problems in the Third World (3 cr.)

Y657 Comparative Politics [African Politics] (3 cr.)

Y673 Empirical Theory and Methodology [African topics] (3 cr.)

Public and Environmental Affairs

V524 Civil Society in Comparative Perspective (3 cr.)

V574 Environmental Management in the Tropics (3 cr.)

V575 International and Comparative Administration (3 cr.)

V578 Introduction to Comparative and International Affairs (3 cr.)

V596 Sustainable Development (3 cr.)

V699 Economic Development, Globalization, and Entrepreneurship (3 cr.)

Spanish and Portuguese

P500-501 Literatures of the Portuguese-Speaking World I-II (3 cr.)

P515 Women Writing in Portuguese (3 cr.)

P520 Literatures of the Portuguese-Speaking World in Translation (3 cr.)

P710 Seminar: African Literature in Portuguese (3 cr.)

Courses in African Languages-Linguistics

B101-B102 Elementary Bambara I-II (3-3 cr.)¹

B201-B202 Intermediate Bambara I-II (3-3 cr.)

B301-B302 Advanced Bambara I-II (3-3 cr.)

K501-502 Elementary Akan I-II (3-3 cr.)

K601-602 Intermediate Akan I-II (3-3 cr.)

K701-702 Advanced Akan I-II (3-3 cr.)

S101-S102 Elementary Swahili I-II (3-3 cr.)¹

S201-S202 Intermediate Swahili I-II (3-3 cr.)

S301-S302 Advanced Swahili I-II (3-3 cr.)

X101-102 Elementary Wolof I-II (3-3 cr.)

X201-202 Intermediate Wolof I-II (3-3 cr.)

X701-Z702 Advanced Wolof I-II (3-3 cr.)

Z501-Z502 Elementary Zulu I-II (3-3 cr.)

Z601-Z602 Intermediate Zulu I-II (3-3 cr.)

Z701-Z702 Advanced Zulu I-II (3-3 cr.)

Near Eastern Languages and Cultures

A500-A550 Elementary Arabic I-II (2-2 cr.)

A600-A650 Intermediate Arabic I-II (3-3 cr.)

A660-A670 Advanced Arabic I-II (3-3 cr.)

Other African Languages

F101-102 Elementary African Languages I-II [variable language] (3-3cr.)

F201-202 Intermediate African Languages I-II [variable language] (3-3cr.)

F301-302 Advanced African Languages I-II [variable language] (3-3cr.)

¹ Four (4) credits each semester for undergraduates.