



MINORITY STUDIES | COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

B.A. IN AFRICAN AMERICAN AND AFRICAN DIASPORA STUDIES

Minority Studies degree is designed to acquaint the student with the unique worldviews, cultures and historical experience of Blacks, Latinos and other minority groups. It prepares the student for the fields of community development, social services, minority group relations, and graduate study in fields such as law, public policy and administration, and education.

The Department of Minority Studies offers five programs leading to the Bachelor of Arts degrees:

- African American and African Diaspora Studies
- African American and African Diaspora Studies Concentration in Latino Studies
- Double major or degree in African American and African Diaspora Studies studies and another discipline such as computer science, biology, history, sociology or communication
- Interdepartmental Major in African American and African Diaspora Studies and Communication
- Interdepartmental Major in African American and African Diaspora Studies and English

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The African American and African Diaspora Studies curriculum requires a minimum of 30 credit hours with 25 of those at the 200-400 level. Other courses in African American and African Diaspora Studies or approved courses in sociology, psychology or history may be taken to complete the major.

Double major or degree. Students complete the major requirements for two majors and receive one degree.

The African American and African Diaspora Studies – Concentration in Latino Studies curriculum requires 15 credit hours from the Latino Studies curriculum and the Afro-American Studies degree requirements.

The Interdepartmental Major in African American and African Diaspora Studies and Communication curriculum requires a total of 45 credit hours, 18 in minority studies and 27 in communication.

The Interdepartmental Major in African American and African Diaspora Studies and English curriculum requires a total of 45 credit hours, 18 in minority studies and 27 in English.

The chairpersons of the departments of Minority Studies and Communication and English will jointly advise the student on the specific course requirements for the two interdepartmental

majors. Students must also complete the general requirements of the College of Arts and Sciences.

COURSEWORK

- Introduction to Urban Studies
- Community Planning & Development
- Practicum in Urban Studies
- Introduction to Black Studies Research
- Senior Capstone
- Survey Culture of Black Americans
- Minority People in the US
- African American and African Diaspora Studies History I
- African American and African Diaspora Studies History II
- Recent Black American Writing
- Contemporary Black American Writing

Students should consult with the department for additional information concerning prerequisites, course content and academic counseling.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Students have a unique opportunity to participate in a number of university-sponsored community outreach activities, including:

- Black History Month
- Chicano History and Culture
- Puerto Rican History & Culture
- Gary Preservation Project
- Environmental Justice Conference
- Participatory Democracy Conference
- Lectures in Race & Ethnicity Series
- Historic Midtown Project

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A B.A. IN AFRICAN AMERICAN AND AFRICAN DIASPORA STUDIES?

A degree in African American and African Diaspora Studies prepares graduates for positions in such fields as educational administration, community development, social services and in the fields shown below. Graduates of the program are well prepared for graduate-level studies in all disciplines, such as public administration, law and education.

- Medicine & Health
- Sports
- Science & Technology
- Education
- Law
- News Media
- Politics & Government

- Social, Communication & Humanitarian Services
 - Visual Arts
 - Religion
 - Literature & Poetry
- (For more information, visit www.blackpast.org)

HANDS-ON LEARNING

Students are encouraged to participate in events sponsored by the Department of Minority Studies, including:

- Participatory Democracy Conference
- Environmental Justice Conference
- Community Social-Cultural Programming
- Community Development and Planning Internships
- Community Economic Development Internships

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

The Department of Minority Studies sponsors student organizations that work to enrich the social, cultural and political life of the campus and advance the departmental mission of serving the community through support, facilitation and participation in the department's community outreach programming and activities. They include:

- Black Student Union
- ALMA (Hispana de IU Northwest)
- IU Northwest Social Justice

RELATED DEGREE OPTIONS

- Major in History with an Associate of Arts in Latino Studies
- Major in Sociology with an Associate of Arts in Latino Studies
- Major in Spanish with an Associate of Arts in Latino Studies
- Minor in African-American Studies
- Minor in Latino Studies
- Double degree or double major (minority

Studies and one of the following: sociology, communication, history, English, French)

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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