

## **U.S. and Global Studies**

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U.S. and Global Studies incorporates classes and programs in Africana Studies and Native American Studies. Students may take classes in these subject areas; work toward interdisciplinary minors in either Africana Studies or Native American Studies; or pursue a Student Initiated Interdepartmental Major (SIIM) in either or both areas of study. U.S. and Global Studies also offers special programs to the campus and Potsdam community.

### **Africana Studies Minor**

**A minimum of 18 credit hours required. (*Program is currently being revised. Please see contact person for more information.*)**

Africana Studies is an academic program that focuses on the political, economic, cultural, and social experiences of African peoples in an attempt to illuminate the connectedness of the human experience. Structured from an interdisciplinary and comparative perspective, the minor in Africana Studies is designed to provide knowledge and skills needed to understand the socio-economic, political, and psychological consequences of historical, institutional arrangements, and cultural constructions as they affect the contemporary experience of race and ethnicity in America and elsewhere. A focus on the life experiences of blacks (i.e., the peoples of Africa and those peoples of the Americas who are descendants of Africans) in the minor will help to deepen students' understanding of America itself. After all, American culture comprises a rich history of peoples from both non-European and European heritage. With its courses, research, and experiential learning components, the Africana Studies minor at SUNY Potsdam will equip students with the skills to construct arguments, distinguish opinions from evidence, and make judgments based on wisdom and knowledge rather than on prejudice and parochialism. Overall, a minor in Africana Studies will enhance many academic and professional disciplines, enabling students to become better prepared for careers in teaching, counseling, state and local social welfare programs, urban planning, corporate America, nongovernmental organizations, and international relations.

### **Required Courses: Credits**

SOCI 110 Introduction to Africana Studies 3  
SOCI 361 Race and the City 3  
POLS 309 Politics of Black and White 4

**Elective Courses:**

Students will elect the remaining three courses (or 8-10 credits), from at least two different departments, under advisement, from an approved course list available from the Africana Studies Program Director. Students may enroll in one Independent Study course (maximum three credits) and/or enroll in a Social Justice Cluster to satisfy their elective requirements.

In addition, with approval from the Program Director, students may satisfy their elective requirements by participating in one of the special programs available to SUNY Potsdam students. These include: Study Abroad in Ghana, Operation Crossroads Africa, Student Teaching Abroad, Black Roots Program in Liverpool, England, Community Service Outreach, and Teaching Social Studies in an Urban Setting.

**Notes:**

1. No more than six credits from the student's major may count for the minor.
2. Even though students may earn up to 15 credit hours in special programs, only a maximum of nine credits may be accepted for the minor.
3. Courses taken at St. Lawrence University's African Studies program may be applied as electives to the program; however, it is not required or necessary to take classes at St. Lawrence University, Canton.
4. As other appropriate courses are offered, the list of electives will be expanded. The program director will maintain a list of all appropriate courses and make that information available to faculty and students.
5. Students must earn a minimum grade of 2.0 in courses counted toward the minor.

**Native American Studies Minor  
A minimum of 18 credit hours required.**

The study of indigenous peoples of the Americas – their prehistory, history and cultures – is the focus of courses taught. The minor in Native American Studies is a vehicle enabling students interested in the serious and intensive study of Native Americans to benefit from its diverse offerings. It is intended to provide a systematic program of study in which the complementary nature of these courses is fully explored to enhance the understanding gained from each.

**Required Courses: Credits**

ANTC 102 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology 3

or

ANTH 111 Introduction to Anthropology 3

ANTC 130 The Native Americans 3

ANTC 330 Native American Cultures 3

or

400-level Native American class as determined by coordinator

**Elective Courses:**

Students may elect any three of the following with advisement of the Native American Studies Program Director.

ANTC 286 Folklore and Folklife

ANTC 331 Women in Native America

ANTC 333 Indian Images

ANTA 350 Archaeology of Ancient Mexico and Central America

ANTC 360 Cultures of Mexico and Central America

HIST 201 Early American History

HIST 308 Canadian History

SOCI 310 Racial and Cultural Minorities

LANG 195 Mohawk I

LANG 196 Mohawk II

LANG 197 Mohawk III

**Notes:**

1. At least nine credit hours must be at the 300 level or above;
2. Other courses might also be appropriate as they begin to be offered.

The Native American Studies Program Director will maintain a list of all appropriate courses and make that information available to students and faculty.