

Minor in Sub-Saharan African Languages

Sub-Saharan countries are among the fastest-growing countries in the world due to the now robust economy. As such, the region continues to see increased global attention as it continues to create much sought-for opportunities for investment, research and cultural experiences. Knowledge of this region positions students for research and jobs that require or recommend cultural understanding of the continent. The minor in Sub-Saharan African languages is designed to meet these needs. The minor takes an interdisciplinary approach to cater for students who are interested in developing diverse knowledge of Sub-Saharan Africa and/or proficiency in any of the African languages offered including Swahili, Wolof and Zulu. Completion of the minor requires at least 18 hours.

Requirements (18 Credit hours)

Completion of the minor requires at least 18 credit hours in applicable courses.

Language Requirement (6 credit hours)

At least 6 credit hours of Advanced Language courses. Only one African language can be chosen to fulfill this requirement.

SWAH 405: Advanced Swahili I

SWAH 406: Advanced Swahili II

WLOF 405: Advanced Wolof I

WLOF 406: Advanced Wolof II

ZULU 405: Advanced Zulu I

ZULU 406: Advanced Zulu II



African Culture and Linguistics Courses (6 Credit hours)

You may, in consultation with the advisor, choose any two courses from the following electives:

LING 100: Intro to Language Science

Ling 199: Language, Culture and Identity in East Africa

LING 400: Intro to Linguistic Structure

LING 412: Language in Africa: Culture and Society

(To be chosen in consultation with the advisor)



African Studies (6 Credit hours)

To be chosen from the following:

AFST 210: Introduction to Modern African Literature

AFST 222: Introduction to Modern Africa

AFST 243: Pan-Africanism

AFST 267: Memoirs of Africa

ANTH 266: African Film and Society

HIST 110: History of Africa

HIST 211: History of East Africa and Southern Africa

ACE 454: Economic Development, Tropical Africa

AFST 410: Modern African Fiction

AFST 484: African Urbanization

ANTH 448: The Prehistory of Africa

ANTH 467: Cultures of Africa

ANTH 468: Religions of Africa

GEOG 455: Geography of Sub-Saharan Africa

HIST 410: Decolonization in Africa

HIST 411: 20th Century Africa Intellectual History

PS 341: Government and Politics in Africa or a similar course at the 300 or 400 level approved by the advisor.





ZULU

SWAHILI

WOLOF

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