

BLACK DIASPORA STUDIES, MINOR

Requirements for a minor may be completed at any campus location offering the specified courses for the minor. Students may not change from a campus that offers their major to a campus that does not offer their major for the purpose of completing a minor.

Program Description

The minor in Black Diaspora Studies is designed to broaden the perspectives of students through an examination of the international/transnational dimensions of the experiences of African and African-descent populations, particularly those in the Western Hemisphere. Since the early sixteenth century, when Europe, the Americas, and Africa were brought into a pattern of sustained interaction following the onset of the Age of European Discovery, the African slave trade and other forms of migration and exchange have been critical to the formative experience of Africans and African-descent populations linked by the Atlantic. The intensity and impact of those exchanges have varied over time, but the presence of Africans and African-descent populations in the evolution of Atlantic civilization constitutes the core of the study of the African Diaspora.