

BLACK STUDIES

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The major and minor in Black Studies present an interdisciplinary understanding of Black histories, cultures, and politics through an examination of Black experiences in Africa, the Americas, the Caribbean, and other areas of the world. From its inception, Black Studies prepares students for positive community change by tackling historic and contemporary issues of racial inequality and justice in order for students to challenge systems of oppression and cultivate systems of liberation in life and profession.

- Black Studies Major (<https://rmc.courseleaf.com/programs/black-studies/black-studies-major/>)
- Black Studies Minor (<https://rmc.courseleaf.com/programs/black-studies/black-studies-minor/>)

BLST 201 - Introduction to Black Studies (3 Hours)

This course is the introductory course for the black studies minor. It will provide students with the background information needed to understand the historical, social, political, and artistic issues that are the core of black studies. The course will also serve as a unifying foundation for the interdisciplinary minor. C21:DI,HC,HU.

Cross-list: SOCI 225

BLST 281 - T:Special Topics (3 Hours)

BLST 361 - National Model African Union (1 Hour)

This is a course in which students prepare for and participate in the annual National Model Organization of African Unity, held each March in Washington, D.C. Students research the foreign policy concerns of a particular African state, and then represent that state over an intensive four-day model conference. Students from some forty other institutions attend this conference as delegates from OAU member states. Through simulation, augmented by briefings at African embassies in Washington, student delegates gain a better and clearer understanding of the various determinants, capabilities, and constraints that shape the domestic and foreign policies of each country as well as the patterns of cooperation and conflict that characterize intra-African diplomacy.

Prerequisite(s): permission of instructor

BLST 362 - National Model African Union (1 Hour)

Students in this course prepare for and apply to serve as officers in the annual National Model Organization of African Unity, held each March in Washington, D.C. Previous completion of BLST 361 is recommended.

Prerequisite(s): permission of instructor

BLST 381 - Special Topics in Black Studies (3 Hours)

Please see instructor for course description.

BLST 422 - Seminar in Black Studies (3 Hours)

This seminar is the capstone course for the black studies minor. It will provide students with the opportunity to analyze, in greater depth, issues pertinent to black studies. Students are to draw on the ideas and themes in courses previously taken in the minor and to connect these to some features of their major discipline. A major research paper on a topic or theme not covered in their course work should be one of the products of this seminar.

BLST 450 - Internship in Black Studies (3 Hours)

Open to qualified students who seek an immersion experience in a setting consistent with their goals, preparation, and interests. Students are expected to complete goals agreed upon by themselves, their site supervisor, and their academic supervisor. Application required; see Internship Program.

Prerequisite(s): permission of program director

BLST 455 - Field Study (3 Hours)

A Field Study is an experiential learning course combining elements of workplace experience, observation, and/or research. Students are expected to work closely with a faculty field study supervisor to develop learning objectives and a plan of study appropriate to the discipline. Assignments may include a reflective journal, activity reports, and one or more directed research papers appropriate to the discipline. Workplace experience requirements should be similar to those of internships. Students should not receive compensation from workplace experience if they are receiving three-hour course credit.