AFRICAN STUDIES

College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies

Program Description
The Minor and Certificate in African Studies are identical programs. The Minor is recommended for students undertaking completion of a Bachelor's degree. The Certificate is recommended for students who have already completed a Bachelor's degree.

The program is intended to improve students' understanding of modern Africa. As a significant part of the world community, Africa merits focused and sustained study. This program provides a cohesive, directed effort to develop students' knowledge and appreciation for Africa's peoples, geography, institutions, arts, customs, languages, traditions, resources, politics, and social structures. The program is designed and structured in a way that will be useful to the student, both professionally and academically. The Minor is of particular relevance for students interested in acquiring an integrated perception and understanding of Africa. The program provides different options: a specific emphasis in international relations; interests in a particular aspect of African life such as art, history, or society; or general intellectual curiosity.

The CSU International Programs provide opportunities for students at Sacramento State to study and live in Africa. This constitutes a valuable adjunct to African Studies on the campus. Students are strongly urged to take at least one year of a language used in Africa other than English. Course selection for each student is worked out with an advisor from the African Studies faculty in conjunction with the Director of Pan African Studies.

Degree Programs


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