PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Minor and Certificate in African Studies are identical programs. The Minor is recommended for students undertaking completion of the Bachelor’s degree. The Certificate is recommended for students who have already completed the 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’ appreciation for Africa’s peoples, arts, customs, languages, traditions, resources, governments, politics, and social structures.

The Minor is of particular relevance for students interested in acquiring an integrated perception of Africa, whether for a specific emphasis in international relations; interests in a particular aspect of African life such as Art, History, or Society; or for general intellectual curiosity. The Certificate is particularly useful for students in the International Affairs MA program, credentialed teachers, and other graduate programs such as Business and History.

The CSU International Programs provide opportunities for students at CSUS to study and live in Africa, and constitute 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, and in conjunction with the Director of Pan African Studies.

MINOR REQUIREMENTS

Total units required for Minor: 21
(3) HIST 7 History of African Civilizations
(3) HIST 141 History of Africa Since 1800
(3) ETHN 10 Africa: Myths & Realities
(3) GOVT 142 Government & Politics in Africa
(3) SOC 162 Middle Eastern Societies & Culture
(6) Select two of the following:
   AFRL 180 Topics in African Studies
   ETHN 171 African Religions & Philosophies
   ETHN 174 Oral Literature in Africa

CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

Requirements for the Certificate are the same as those for the Minor.

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