



Our department consists of scholars and intellectuals who focus their teaching, research, and service on the analysis, critique, and discussion of African continental and diasporic experiences and the systems of oppression and resistance that characterize those experiences, commonly referred to under the rubric of “blackness.”

As Africa is the home of humanity and of civilization and society, we believe the knowledge of these is central to the understanding of the whole of human experience. Moreover, the resonant theme of resistance to oppression, spiritual optimism, and social movement organization characteristic throughout the African experience is instructive to all who are interested in social change and cross-cultural communication and tolerance.

We stand at the epoch of a new resurgent African continent with some of the world’s fastest growing economies and most revolutionary political growth, and a diaspora confronted all of the complexities of cultural identity and hybridity in the modern, interdependent world. We stand also at the precipice of a newly revitalized discipline of Black Studies ready to engage multidisciplinary and cross disciplinary perspectives.

Here at UNO, our staff brings expertise across a wide variety of subject areas including language and racial identity, “white” privilege, media representations, social stratification, music, epistemology, and critical theory. We invite you to join us and become part of this great adventure. The Department of Black Studies., UNO. The only thing missing is ...YOU!

Black Studies Major at a glance:

Degrees offered: B.S.

Credit hours needed: 33

Minor offered: Yes (15 credits)

Knowledge & Skills gained as a Black Studies major:

Knowledge:

- Understand the history of the discipline of Black Studies, the social-political and academic arena in which it developed, its major contributors, and how its distinctive treatment of subject matter has been affected by its historical evolution
- Knowledge of and respect for the culture, values, and belief systems of the global community; understand the commonalities and contrived differences between and among groups

Skills:

- Critical analysis: Ability to use the African-centered perspective to interpret and analyze and critique ideas, texts, social, historical and cultural phenomena
- Effective Communication: Ability to effectively discuss, analyze, and present ideas both oral and written
- Problem solving: contribute to the betterment of society by identifying critical social issues and problems and employing appropriate empirical methods to pursue causes, effects, and solutions

Student Opportunities:

- Ankh Maat Wedjau Honor Society
- PASO Pan African Student Organization



Course Highlights in Black Studies:

- BLST 1000: Intro to Black Studies
- BLST 1050: Ancient African Civilization
- BLST 1220: Law in the Black Community
- BLST 1950: Black Women in America
- BLST 2100: Black American Culture
- BLST 2410: African American History to 1865
- BLST 2430: African American History: Emancipation to Brown
- BLST 2430: African American History: Since 1954
- BLST 2510: Music and the Black Experience
- BLST 2710: Africana Worldview
- BLST 2730: Religion & Theology in Afro-America
- BLST 3030: Geography of Africa
- BLST 3120: The Black Experience in American Politics
- BLST 3400: Issues in Black Communities
- BLST 3510: Cultural Communication in African-American Cinema
- BLST 3650: Slavery & Race Relations in the Americas
- BLST 3920: Black Aesthetics
- BLST 4120: Black Women Leaders in Liberation Movements
- BLST 4580: Communicating Race, Ethnicity, Identity
- BLST 4710: Brown vs. Board of Education

Career Opportunities:

By nature, Social Science majors make great employees in any field because of their ability to communicate effectively, think critically and solve complex problems. These timeless skills make them attractive to employers in a variety of professions. Specifically, however, when the Black Studies major is matched with programs of study in other fields and thoughtful internships, endless possibilities arise. Professions range from A (Astronaut) to Z (Zoo administrator). A few examples of career professions are:

- Business, Industry, Labor
- Education
- Law & Criminal Justice
- Literature, Poetry, Drama
- Medicine & Health
- News Media & Publishing
- Performing Arts & Entertainment
- Politics & Government
- Religion
- Science & Technology
- Social & Community Services
- Sports
- Visual & Decorative Arts

For more information:

For program information, contacts and course requirements visit:

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