## BLACK WOMEN'S STUDIES MINOR (BSOS)

**Joint Minor in Black Women's Studies**

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The joint minor in Black Women's Studies focuses on the lives and experiences of women of Africa and the African Diaspora. As a specialty in the fields of Women's Studies and African American Studies, it will provide students with tools for understanding the social and cultural contexts in which race, gender, class, sexuality, ethnicity, nation and other dimensions of difference intersect to influence the lives and experiences of Black women.

See African American Studies Department (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/behavioral-social-sciences/african-american-studies) or Women's Studies Department (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/arts-humanities/womens-studies) for faculty roster.

To make an appointment to explore or declare the minor, go to www.arhu.umd.edu/undergraduate/academics/minors

## Requirements

Fifteen (15) credits of coursework are required, distributed below. A number of courses may count in more than one category. No course with a grade less than "C-" may be used to satisfy the minor. An overall GPA of 2.0 in the minor is required for graduation. Students will design their program in consultation with the Women's Studies or African American Studies advisor. No more than two courses may count toward a major in African American Studies or Women's Studies. Course lists can be found here: http://wmst.umd.edu/academics/courses.

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### Foundation Courses

Choose three courses from the following:

- WMST263/WMST264 | Introduction to Black Women's Studies | 3
- AASP298I | Constructions of Manhood and Womanhood in the Black Community | 3
- AASP313/WMST314 | Black Women in United States History | 3

### Distributive Requirements

#### Area I - Comparative or Non-US Course:

Select three credits of courses indicated with footnote 1 below

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| WMST410 | Women of the African Diaspora | 1
| WMST488 | Senior Seminar Black Women in the Public Eye | 1
| AASP493 | Feminist and Nationalist Thought in Black Communities | 1
| WMST498 | Advanced Special Topics Women's Studies (Black Feminist Thought) | 1
| WMST498 | Advanced Special Topics Women's Studies (Womanisms and Feminisms) | 1
| AASP483 | Gender, Sexuality and the Black Family | 1

#### Area II - Humanities:

Select three credits from the following:

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| WMST263/AASP298I | Introduction to Black Women's Studies | 3
| ENGL362 | Caribbean Literature in English | 1
| FREN478B | 1 |

#### Area III - Social Sciences:

Select three credits from the following:

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| WMST265/AASP298B | Constructions of Manhood and Womanhood in the Black Community | 3
| HIST319 | Special Topics in History Women and the Civil Rights Movement | 1
| WMST360 | Caribbean Women | 1
| WMST410 | Women of the African Diaspora | 1
| WMST488 | Senior Seminar Black Women in the Public Eye | 1
| AASP493 | Feminist and Nationalist Thought in Black Communities | 1
| WMST498 | Advanced Special Topics Women's Studies (Black Feminist Thought) | 1
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Footnote 1: Courses that are available to fulfill Area I - Comparative or Non-US Course

Total Credits: 15

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