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/) and Women’s Studies Department (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/arts-humanities/womens-studies/) for faculty rosters.

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

Students may enroll in the Black Women’s Studies Minor through either African American Studies or Women’s Studies. Students with a major in the College of Arts and Humanities are advised to enroll through the Department of Women’s Studies. Students with a major in the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences are advised to enroll through the Department of African American Studies.

Requirements

Fifteen (15) credits of coursework are required, distributed below. 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 (http://wmst.umd.edu/academics/courses/).

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Electives 9

Total Credits 15

- At least two electives must be at the 300 or 400 level.
- One 300 or 400 level course must be Comparative or non-U.S.
- See program for approved electives.