

Major in University Studies

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<https://universitycollege.illinoisstate.edu/majors-minors/>

Degrees Offered: B.A., B.S.

Admission Requirements

This degree program is intended for students who are admitted and enrolled at Illinois State University and who either are unable to meet the admission/retention requirements for majors with requirements above the University minimums, or who while performing successfully in their major, discover late in their program of study that they do not wish to pursue the career path that follows from their initial major and degree choice. In order to be admitted to the major, applicants must:

- have completed a minimum of sixty (60) hours and be in good academic standing with a GPA of 2.00 or higher, and
- complete an approved Plan of Study in collaboration with a program advisor

This degree is not available to second bachelor degree candidates.

Degree Requirements

- Completion of all graduation requirements for the B.A. or the B.S. degree as listed in this *Undergraduate Catalog*
- Completion of all course requirements as listed on the student's approved Plan of Study (All changes to the initial Plan must be approved by the program advisor.)
- A minimum of 9 credit hours in the major taken at the 300 level
- **General Studies Option**
 - A concentration of a minimum of 18 hours in each of two different disciplines as approved in the Plan of Study, or
- **Specialized Studies Option**
 - A concentration of a minimum of 30 hours in one department or school as approved in the Plan of Study, or
- **Liberal Studies Option**
 - A concentration of a minimum of 36 hours bridging academic disciplines as approved in the Plan of Study

Directory of all courses:

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University-Wide Minors

Minor in African-American Studies

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The Minor in African-American Studies provides an interdisciplinary

approach to the examination of black politics and life in the United States. This program is designed to be of interest to students who want to explore the many contributions African-Americans have made to the political, historical, social, and artistic fabric of the United States. Students are required to take a core of two courses on African-American history and literature, as well as elective courses in the social sciences (History, Sociology, and Politics and Government) and in the humanities and fine arts (English, Music, and Theatre and Dance), and in interdisciplinary programs (including relevant course offerings in Interdisciplinary Studies and Women's and Gender Studies).

- 18 hours required
- Required core (6 hours):
 - ENG 165 or 265
 - HIS 257 or 258
- Choose 4 courses (12 hours) from the electives below:
 - ENG 165, 265 (not including the required courses above)
 - ENG 365
 - HIS 111 or SOC 111
 - HIS 257 or 258 (not including the required courses above)
 - HIS 284, 315, 328
 - IDS 121A17, 121A37
 - MUS 153, 154, 157
 - POL 334
 - PSY 327A02
 - SOC 264
 - SWK 310
 - THE 154

Note: Other courses approved by the minor advisor may be counted toward the minor. Topics courses (e.g., HIS 309, SWK 330, WGS 391) are commonly used as electives for the minor but must be preapproved by the minor director and advisor. Please refer to specific departments or schools for further course information including prerequisites.

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Minor in African Studies

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A Minor in African Studies will complement a major in several disciplines. It is therefore designed as a multi-disciplinary program where the student will take courses in the social sciences, arts, and humanities (English; Geography; History; Languages, Literatures, and Cultures; Music; Politics and Government; Sociology/Anthropology; and Theatre and Dance). The Minor will provide students with a broad background in African history, societies, culture, and politics. The program is directed towards students with a view of visiting or working in Africa or those who are interested in government or