

# African American Studies Minor (AASM) Course Requirements

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*Listed below are the fundamental requirements which help establish the essential framework the minor is based on.*

**Students must:**

- Maintain a 2.0 GPA in the AAS Minor
- Officially declare the minor using the Major/Minor tool. The AASM code is **M063**.
- Review General Catalog or the **Approved Course List** for AASM's courses.
- Check with your college advisor to see how declaring a minor would affect **Program of Concentration** (if applicable) or **Time to Degree**.
  
- ❖ **Students complete seven 4-unit courses (must have a total of twenty eight units).** These courses will be comprised of:
  - Courses chosen from the **Approved Course List** or the General Catalog
  - At least one core course
  - At least six elective courses
  - Five upper division courses (minimum 20 units total)
  - No more than three upper division courses can be taken in any one department
  
- ❖ **Petitions - Petitioning courses to count toward the minor is very common but obtaining approval is always subject to the faculty director's discretion.**
  - For courses that are not on the official list of approved courses for the minor, students can petition to request an exception be made (see **Approved Course List**).
  - Students can petition for the pass/no pass option in AASM courses and approval is at the discretion of the AASM Director
  - For courses on the **Approved Course List** with an asterisk (\*), an approved petition may be required depending on the topics/subject matter for a given quarter.

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