

International Studies - African Studies Certificate

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The Center for International Studies offers certificates in African, Asian, East Asian, European, Latin American, and Southeast Asian Studies for students who wish to add an international dimension to their major, or who are interested in an international career or graduate work in area studies. The certificate is noted on your transcript upon graduation.

The African Studies Major and Certificate grew out of the excitement emanating from the decolonization of the continent in the mid-1960's and the awareness of the important role Africa could play in world affairs. Today the multi-disciplinary nature of the program allows the student to build a course of study reflecting Africa's contemporary reality. Themes include the socioeconomic development of the continent in the context of Africa's grand cultural and historical traditions. Students may also view the study of Africa as an excellent case-study of the process of social change in the developing world. Students wishing to complete the African Studies Certificate must complete either Option A or Option B below.

Option A

Complete the following requirements:

- 3 courses in one African language (Students may petition the Certificate Director to have a language they take elsewhere fulfill the requirement).
- overall 2.5 GPA in certificate courses

- [INST 113 - Modern Africa](#) Credit Hours: 4
- 5 additional African Area Studies Courses from a minimum of 3 departments from the below list.

Option B

Complete the following requirements:

- overall 2.5 GPA in certificate courses
- [INST 113 - Modern Africa](#) Credit Hours: 4
- 8 additional African Area Studies courses from a minimum of 3 departments from the below list.

African Area Studies Courses

- [AAS 250 - Foundations of African American Arts and Culture](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [ANTH 351 - Political Anthropology](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [ANTH 357 - Anthropology of Religion](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [ANTH 381 - Cultures of Sub-Saharan Africa](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [CLWR 311 - Islam](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [CLWR 471 - African Religions](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [DANC 495D - Special Topics in Dance](#) Credit Hours: 1 to 4
- [ECON 312 - Economics of Poverty](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [ECON 350 - Economic Development](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [EDCS 205 - Learning from Non-Western Cultures](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [FR 454 - Francophone Literature of Sub-Saharan Africa, Maghreb, and the Caribbean](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [GEOG 331 - Geography of Africa](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [HIST 330A - African History Through Film](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [HIST 339 - Women in African History](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [HIST 340 - African Intellectual History](#) Credit Hours: 4

- [HIST 341A - Early Africa](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [HIST 441 - Studies in African History](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [INST 495 - Internship](#) Credit Hours: 1 to 15
- Students must find their own placement and have it approved by the instructor of record. A maximum of 8 credit hours will count towards the major or certificate.
- [MUS 248A - African Ensemble I](#) Credit Hours: 1
- [MUS 248B - African Ensemble II](#) Credit Hours: 2
- [MUS 425 - Music of Africa](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [MUS 426 - African Music and Related Arts](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [PHIL 440 - Contemporary Social Philosophy](#) Credit Hours: 5
- [POLS 340 - The Politics of Developing Areas](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [POLS 441 - African Politics](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [POLS 463 - The United States and Africa](#) Credit Hours: 5

African Languages Taught at OU

Akan, Arabic, French, Kikuyu, Somali, Sudanese Arabic, Swahili, Tigrinya, Wolof