Joint Minor in Black Women’s Studies

The 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. In addition, through this course of study, students will analyze how Black women have empowered themselves through community work, political activism and cultural production. No course with a grade less than C- may be used to satisfy the minor, and students must earn a minimum GPA of 2.0 overall in the minor. More information can be found online at ter.ps/bwms

Minor Requirements (15 credits)

Foundation courses (6 credits):
- One of the following:
  WMST 263/AASP 298I: Introduction to Black Women’s Studies
  WMST 265/AASP 298B: Constructions of Manhood and Womanhood in the Black Community
- AASP 313/WMST 314: Black Women in U.S. History

Area courses (9 credits):
- One course (3 credits) from Area I – Comparative or Non-U.S. course
- One course (3 credits) from Area II - Humanities
- One course (3 credits) from Area III – Social Sciences

Black Women’s Studies Minor Courses - Fall 2015

Foundation Courses:
- WMST 263 Introduction to Black Women’s Studies (cross-listed as AASP 298I)
  Instructor TBA; Tues/Thurs 3:30pm-4:45pm, ASY 3211
- WMST 314 Black Women in U.S. History (cross-listed as AASP 313)
  Taught by Dr. Elsa Barkley Brown; Wednesdays 5:30pm-8pm, KEY 0103

Area Courses:
- Area I OR Area II – ENGL 448A Caribbean Literature by Women
  Taught by Dr. Merle Collins; Tues/Thurs 11am-12:15pm, TWS 1107
- Area I OR Area II – ENGL 362 Caribbean Literature in English
  Taught by Dr. Merle Collins; Tues/Thurs 9:30am-10:45am, TWS 0214
- Area II – WMST 496 African American Women Filmmakers (cross-listed as AASP498F)
  Taught by Dr. LaMonda Horton Stallings; Tues 5:30-8pm, HBK 0302J
- Area III – AASP 398G Gender, Labor, and Racial Identity in Diaspora Communities
  Taught by Dr. Sharon Harley; Tues 2:00-4:30 p.m., TYD 0102

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In addition to the Minor in Black Women’s Studies, the Department of Women’s Studies also offers four other undergraduate programs of study:

Ter.ps/wmstmajor  B.A. in Women’s Studies (39 credits)
Ter.ps/wmstucert  Certificate in Women’s Studies (21 credits)
Ter.ps/lgbtstudies  Certificate in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies (21 credits)
Ter.ps/lgbtstudies  Minor in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies (15 credits)