The African Studies minor is designed to provide students with knowledge of and appreciation for African History, society and natural environment. Africa is the second largest continent with over 20 percent of the World's land area with 53 countries and more than 800 ethnic groups. The continent has diverse history, culture, economy, political environments. Over the recent years, countries across Africa have undergone drastic political, economic, cultural and social change. The African studies minor will provide students the opportunity to understand and experience this diverse region through courses that offer knowledge, the necessary language skills and first hand experience in various parts of Africa. The minor will have a special focus on African agriculture, health, and the environment from various perspectives.

Students must have a minimum GPA of 2.0 to qualify for the minor. A minimum of twenty-one (21) hours of designated course work with a grade of C or above for all courses is needed to complete the minor.

Required courses for the Minor:

- **AFRI 501**: Seminar I – Economics of Poverty and Wealth Creation in Africa (natural sciences component – 3 credit hours). Explores opportunities for breaking the cycle of poverty across the continent using strategic wealth creation techniques that overcome poverty. Focusing on the agriculture and food system, environment and natural resources, and the health of the African people. (3 credit hours)

- **AFRI 502**: Seminar II: African Development social sciences component – 3 credits). Introduction to current political and economic conditions facing Africa from a historical, social, economic, political and human context. Solutions to the current problems confronting the African continent are analyzed.

- **Cultures of Africa (ANTH 550)**. This course introduces students to family life, subsistence patterns, exchange systems, languages, religions, and development of the peoples of Africa.

- **Swahili I, II, (SWAH 101, SWAH 102 – at least 8 credit hours) or two semesters of any indigenous African language, French or Portuguese. These language courses will introduce students to various African cultures and lifestyles.**

**Study abroad program or equivalent:**

- **African Study Abroad (AFRI 400 – 1-4 credit hours).** Provide students the opportunity to apply their knowledge of an African language and to learn first-hand various African societies, cultures, farming systems, environment, health and other issues. This course will be taught by various faculty affiliates in the African Studies Center and will involve African collaborators in the host countries who will offer lectures and coordinate site visits. Other African experiences can be taken into account for credit with approval from an African Studies advisor. The course will be coordinated in collaboration with the Study Abroad Program at KSU.

**Recommended course for the Minor:**

- **Global Agricultural Economy, Hunger, and Poverty (AGEC 415, 3 credit hours).** This course provides students with an understanding of interdependence between the world’s food, populations, equitability/poverty problems, and assesses alternative solutions to these problems, in particular the role of technological and policy/institutional changes in fostering sustainable development. Pr. AGEC 120, Econ 120. Recommended Pr. Econ 110.
Electives already in place (3 credit hours each):

The following list provides electives accepted for general education and for the African Studies minor at KSU when taught by an African Studies faculty member or if at least 75 percent of the course content focuses on Africa.

College of Agriculture (3 credit hours each): Agricultural Economics (AGEC 120); Environmental Quality (AGRON 335); Principles of Animal Science (ASI 102); Human Dimensions of Horticulture (HORT 256); Microbes, Plants, and Human Perspective (PLPTH 350);

College of Arts and Sciences (3 credit hours each): Cultural Anthropology (ANTH 210); Ecology of Environmental Problems (BIOL 303); Public Health (BIOL 330); Ecology of Savannas and Grasslands (BIOL 690); African Ecology & Conservation (BIOL 697); Environmental Economics (ECON 527); International Economics (ECON 681); Development Economics (ECON 682); Health Economics (ECON 698); Selected World Literature (ENGL 580), when taught with emphasis on African Literature; Francophone Literature with emphasis on Africa (FREN 721); Human Geography (GEOG 201); World Regional Geography (GEOG 100); Environmental Geography (GEOG 221); Geography of Natural Resources (GEOG 340); World Agricultural Systems (GEOG 730); Cultural Geography (GEOG 780); Environmental Geology (GEOL 506); Geology of Africa (GEOL 725); African-American History (HIST 539); International Communication and National Development (MC 572); World Politics (POLSC 333);
Introduction to Comparative Politics (POLSC 344); African Comparative Politics (POLSC 626); International Politics of Africa (POLSC 654); Comparative Political Sociology (SOCIO 507); Gender, Power and International Development (SOCIO 633); or any other course that has 75% African content as approved by the African Studies curriculum committee;

College of Human Ecology (3 credit hours each): Introduction to Human Development (FSHS 110); Economic Status of Women (FSHS 600); Human Needs (GNHE 310); Basic Nutrition (HN 400); Topics in Human Nutrition (HN 520); Public Health Nutrition (HN 610); Nutrition in Developing Countries (HN 702).

Electives to be revised to increase African content (3 credit hours each):

KSU Africanists have identified need for the enhancement of the following courses at the undergraduate level:

College of Arts and Sciences (3 credit hours each): Wildlife Conservation (BIOL 433); Wildlife Management and Conservation (BIOL 684); Fishery Management and Conservation (BIOL 696); Human Dimensions of Global Change (GEOG 460); Environmental History (HIST 511); Environment and Ethics (PHILO 595); Rural Sociology (SOCIO 533); Environmental Sociology (SOCIO 536); Women and Global Social Change (WOMST 380);

College of Business Administration: Human Resource Management (MANGT 531);

College of Human Ecology (3 credit hours each): Human Development and Aging (FSHS 510); Science of Food (HN 413).

Electives to be created (3 credit hours each):

KSU Africanists have identified need for the possible creation of the following courses:
• **College of Agriculture:** Agricultural Economy of Africa; International Agricultural Development; Farming systems and Sustainable Development; Natural Resource Management of Africa; AIDS/HIV and Food Security in Africa;

• **College of Architecture, Planning, and Design:** Swahili Culture and Design; Urban Design and Planning in Africa;

• **College of Arts and Sciences:** Ecology of Environmental Problems; Social and Behavioral Principles of Public Health; Economics of Health in Africa; Cultural Diversity, Environmental Conversation and Human Health; Global Environmental Change and African Biosphere; Pandemic Diseases and Productivity; History of Africa (three courses); African Environment & Security; Negritude; African Economic Development; Conflict Resolution in Africa; Political Economy of Food Security;

• **College of Business Administration:** Management of Small Business in Africa;

• **College of Veterinary Medicine:** Ecology and Epidemiology of Animal Disease.

**RATIONALE:**
Africa is one of the largest continents in the globe with diverse cultures, histories, economic and political environments. The continent faces several challenges related to health, food security and environmental challenges, which have been amplified by the unstable political conditions in many countries. The African Studies Minor will not only enable students’ learning about these challenges but will also afford them first hand experience through direct interaction with the African communities in study tours and participation in collaborative projects. As part of the current emphasis on internationalization at K-State, several faculty members across disciplines have collaborated with African institutions in addressing some of these challenges through teaching, research and intervention projects. Such collaboration will enable stronger linkages between the United States and African countries.

**IMPACT:**
College of Arts and Sciences, College of Agriculture, College of Education, College of Human Ecology, College of Architecture, Planning, and Design, College of Veterinarian Medicine.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:**
Fall 2009

**ADD:**
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Students must have a minimum GPA of 2.0 to qualify for the certificate in African Studies. A Minimum 18 credit hours of African Studies course work with a grade of C or above for all courses is needed to complete the certificate program.

**RATIONALE:**
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African Studies Certificate will enable students to learn not only from the courses that focus on social, cultural, health and developmental issues but also through first-hand experience from the African indigenous populations during their study abroad trip. This participation will enable stronger linkages between the United States and African countries.

**IMPACT:** College of Arts and Sciences, College of Agriculture, College of Education, College of Human Ecology, College of Architecture, Planning, and Design, College of Veterinary Medicine.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Fall 2009