The Ohio State University
College of Arts and Sciences

Somali Language and Culture Minor

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The Somali Minor provides students the opportunity to study language, history, literature and culture of Somali speaking peoples of Eastern Africa.

The minor in Somali consists of 15 hours of prerequisite courses and 15 hours of course work beyond the pre-requisites. The purpose of the pre-requisites is to give students a basis in the language and culture upon which to build an understanding of the Somali speaking people.

The selection of courses by students needs to be made with the counsel of an academic advisor. Students should be aware that not all of the courses that are available for the Somali minor are offered every semester or year; thus early and careful planning is advised.

The Somali Language and Culture Minor will be 15 credit hours, as follows:

Pre-requisites: 15 credit hours
Elementary Somali 1101-1103: 12 credit hours
African Civilizations (AAAS 1121 or AAAS 1122): 3 credit hours

Core Course Requirement: 3 credit hours
AAAS 3310 Global Perspective on the African Diaspora

African Language Courses: 9 credit hours
Intermediate Somali 2201 (3)
Intermediate Somali 2241 (3)
Intermediate Somali 3301 (3)

Additional 4000 or 5000 level course: 3 credit hours (In language, literature, or culture chosen from the list below)

AAAS 4584H: Literature and Modern Experience in Africa (3)
AAAS 5485.01: Southern Africa: Society and Culture (3)
AAAS 5485.02: West Africa: Society and Culture (3)

TOTAL: 15 credit hours

Somali Language and Culture minor program guidelines

Required for graduation No

Credit hours required A minimum of 15 credit hrs. 1000 level courses shall not be counted in the minor.

Transfer and EM credit hours allowed A student is permitted to count up to 6 total hours of transfer credit and/or credit by examination.

Overlap with the GE A student is permitted to overlap up to two courses between the GE and the minor as long as the minor consists of at least 4 courses.

Overlap with the major and additional minor(s)
• The minor must be in a different subject than the major.
• The minor must contain a minimum of 12 hours distinct from the major and/or additional minor(s).

Grades required
• Minimum C- for a course to be counted on the minor.
• Minimum 2.00 cumulative GPA for all minor course work
• Course work graded Pass/Non-Pass cannot count on the minor.
• No more than 3 credit hours of course graded Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory may count toward the minor

X193 credits No more than 3 credit hours.

Minor approval The minor course work must be approved by the academic unit offering the minor.

Filing the minor program form The minor program form must be filed at least by the time the graduation application is submitted to a college/school counselor.

Changing the minor Once the minor program is filed in the college office, any changes must be approved by the academic unit offering the minor.

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