

African Studies Program Learning Outcomes

- Develop an appreciation of the rich and diverse experiences of Africans in Africa and the African Diaspora and their contributions to global history and culture.
- Articulate through writing and discussions an understanding of the complex social, political, and economic processes—on the local, regional, and global levels—that impact the lives of Africans.
- Demonstrate the ability to use the methodologies of a variety of disciplines (e.g. historical, literary, economic, and political) to analyze Africa’s experiences.

Assessment Plan for 2015-2016

Fall 2015: 1. Review and approve mission statement and program learning outcomes.

2. Plan assessment activities for Spring 2016.

Spring 2016: 1. PLO 1 (“Develop an appreciation...”) will be evaluated via an embedded assignment or question in FREN 250 Africa Films Africa (taught by Karen Bouwer). We envision this course to have the highest number of African Studies minors in it.

2. The International Studies Department is undergoing a program review. During Spring 2016, the Self-Study portion of this process will be written. As most of our African Studies minors are International Studies majors (BAIS) we will participate in this process. Our hope is to be able to coordinate our future assessment activities with BAIS as one of the BAIS PLOs is directly related to regional knowledge.

3. Complete a curriculum map, due July 1, 2016.

4. Review data collected and assessment plan.