Three Big Things:
• **Critical & multidisciplinary study of people of African descent in the United States and throughout the African diaspora**
• **Develop culturally informed interventions to address ethnic disparities in retention, graduation and the overall academic success of students of African descent**
• **Community Outreach**

Africana Studies is multidisciplinary. It is an intellectual enterprise devoted to the academic study of the culture, history, psychology, religious and political practices of African American, African, Afro-Latino, Afro-Caribbean and Afro-European populations. The program employs African-centered methodologies and theories to critically explore and examine the experiences of people of African descent as it relates to issues such as racism, sexism, classism, colonialism, neocolonialism, White Privilege and Eurocentrism. Africana Studies encourages research in scholarship in all dimensions of the African Diaspora.

Special Features
Africana Studies works with the wider university to address ethnic disparities in retention, graduation and the overall academic success of students of African descent at EWU. We do this through a combination of Retention initiatives such as Advising; Mentoring; Visiting Scholar Lecture Series; Retention Workshops/events; Recognition of important dates and contributions specific to the African & African American experience i.e. Black History Month & “Keepers of the Dream” Award & Recognition Ceremony in order to help cultivate an awareness of the historical achievements & influences of people of African descent.

Community Outreach
Social responsibility has historically been a cornerstone of Africana Studies. Consequently, we are committed to developing and maintaining community partnerships, providing opportunities for community and university interactions, cultural programs, student service & community focused research projects.

Career Opportunities
Students are encouraged to pursue career related experiences prior to graduation that are not only specific to their major but also takes into consideration skills gained in the minor. Students who pursue a minor in Africana Studies gain a number of critical thinking, writing and research skills in addition to hands-on experience through community outreach initiatives. The program is designed to give an integrated understanding of the experiences, contributions and achievements of people of African descent. As such, Africana prepares students to succeed as citizens, social justice advocates, community organizers, lawyers, educators and leaders of a growing global community and to address issues of inequity and discrimination wherever they exists. Lastly, Africana minors are prepared to engage in careers where African descended peoples and communities are a key focus.

Curriculum
The 20 credits students pursue in the Africana minor provides a basic but solid foundation of knowledge for students based on Africana scholarship. A number of Africana courses satisfy cultural and gender diversity university graduation requirement. Students must complete AAST 214 and may choose between AAST 215 and 216 leaving the flexibility for students to take two additional courses of their choice.
Some Courses Offered:
• AAST 214 - African American Culture & Expression
• AAST 215 - Early African American History
• AAST 216 - 20th Century African American History
• AAST 315 - African History

Preparation for College
Completion of a high school diploma (or equivalent) degree is required for admission to EWU. Students considering a minor in Africana must complete the minor declaration form prior to completing program.

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The University
Eastern Washington University is a student-centered, regionally based, comprehensive university. Its campus is located in Cheney within the Spokane metropolitan area, with additional learning centers in the region and elsewhere in Washington State. With more than 100 fields of study, nine master’s degrees, four graduate certificates, 76 graduate programs and a physical therapy doctoral program, its mission is to prepare broadly educated, technologically proficient, and highly productive citizens to attain meaningful careers, to enjoy enriched lives, and to make contributions to a culturally diverse society.

Our mission to be a student-centered, regionally engaged university will be fulfilled best through a distinguished EWU academic experience that is integrated and interdependent. This vision informs and inspires our future.

Note:
Information in this guide is subject to change without notice. To learn more about the official program of study for Africana Studies please check the catalog online at: http://www.ewu.edu/academics/catalog.xml. Ext 6150.