

AFRICAN STUDIES OPTION

The 12-course-unit cross-disciplinary option in African Studies proposes to increase your knowledge on the main societal, cultural and demographic issues at stake on the African continent (Maghreb and sub-Saharan). The option is structured around 3 compulsory courses in sociology and anthropology and 1 optional course taken within a choice of courses in other social sciences disciplines. In particular, you will gain skills to critically address the stereotypical depictions of Africa to better capture its diversity, richness and huge socio-cultural, economic and political role it is already playing in the contemporary globalized world and will continue to play in the next decades.

What is a Transdisciplinary option?

Transdisciplinary options are microcredentials that allow you to tailor your degree and develop competencies outside of your Honours, Major or Minor. These thematic microcredentials range from 9 to 18 course units and can be taken from your electives. Options can be added to most of the programs at the University and the name of the option will appear on your transcript. Adding one or several options to your degree allows you to be the architect of your degree and develop additional competencies beyond your fields of study.

Program Requirements

The table below includes only the option-specific courses. Please refer to the Academic Regulations (<https://www.uottawa.ca/about-us/policies-regulations/academic-regulations/b-2-program-studies/>) for information on the possible combinations available within the Faculty of Social Sciences.

Compulsory courses

SOC 2306	Social Reconfigurations in Africa	3 Units
SOC 4103	Sociology of Populations	3 Units

Optional courses

3 course units from:	3 Units
ANT 3342	Anthropology of Africa
ANT 3345	Anthropology of the Maghreb and the Middle East
3 course units from:	3 Units
ANT 2128	Anthropology for the 21st Century
ANT 3142	Ethnographer's Magic: Reading and Writing Anthropology
DVM 3106	Women, Gender and Development
DVM 4120	International Development Issues in Africa
ECH 3370	African Great Lakes
FEM 2109	Gender and Globalization in a Transnational World
FEM 4320	Anti-Colonial and Anti-Racist Feminisms
HIS 2376	The African Past
POL 3144	Comparative Politics: Africa
FSS 3210	Selected Topics: International Social Sciences Field Research I
SOC 3331	Sociology and Anthropology of Development
SOC 4314	Gender Relations, Development and Globalization

Total: 12 Units

Note(s)

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Students registered in the course FSS 3210 in Africa (Maghreb or Sub-Saharan Africa) will be exempted from the course SOC 4103 (COIL version).