

# Southern Studies (SOST)

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The Southern Studies minor is designed to provide students with a thorough, interdisciplinary grounding in the major themes, issues, and theoretical assumptions concerning southern history, literature, and politics. Students who secure a southern studies minor will be prepared to pursue careers in business, education, law, and in post-graduate work in history, literature, or political science, particularly as it relates to the Southern region of the United States.

**Requirements for a Minor in Southern Studies:** Students wishing to minor in Southern Studies must take SOST 20003 Introduction to Southern Studies, a 3-credit hour interdisciplinary course that explores the history, politics, literature, and culture of the U.S. South from the colonial era to the present. Students must also take an additional 15 elective credit hours (5 courses) from among numerous options listed below. Only 6 hours can count toward the requirements of another major or minor.

## Select five courses: 15

AAST 32303	African American History to 1877 or HIST 323 African American History to 1877
AAST 32403	African American History Since 1877 or HIST 324 African American History Since 1877
AAST 32903	Black Politics or PLSC 329 Black Politics
AAST 43803	The American Civil Rights Movement or HIST 438 The American Civil Rights Movement
AAST 49303	African American Political Ideology or PLSC 493 African American Political Ideology
ENGL 31103	Folklore
ENGL 38503	Topics in African-American Literature and Culture
ENGL 38603	Topics in Literature and Culture of the American South
HIST 45003	History of Political Parties in the United States, 1789-1896
HIST 45603	The Old South, 1607-1865
HIST 45703	The New South, 1860 to the Present
HIST 45803	Arkansas in the Nation <sup>1</sup> or HIST 338 Arkansas and the Southwest
HIST 45903	The Colonial French in the Mississippi Valley or WLLC 30 The Colonial French in the Mississippi Valley
HIST 46503	Antebellum America, 1828-1850
HIST 46603	Rebellion to Reconstruction, 1850-1877
HIST 46703	The American Civil War
PLSC 32103	The South and the Law: Race, Gender, and Citizenship
PLSC 32203	Arkansas Politics and the Nation <sup>1</sup>
PLSC 43303	Southern Politics

SOCI 31703	Latinos, Migration, and the U.S. South
SOST 3990V	Special Topics in Southern Studies <sup>2</sup>

**Total Hours** 15

- <sup>1</sup> A maximum of 6 hours can be taken in Arkansas-specific courses.  
<sup>2</sup> A maximum of 6 hours of SOST 3990V Special Topics in Southern Studies may be taken.

## Courses

### SOST 20003. Introduction to Southern Studies. 3 Hours.

A three credit hour interdisciplinary course that explores the history, politics, literature, and culture of the U.S. South from the colonial era to the present. Students who minor in Southern Studies will be required to take Introduction to Southern Studies. (Typically offered: Fall Odd Years)

### SOST 3990V. Special Topics in Southern Studies. 1-3 Hour.

Topics that explore the American South which are not usually presented in depth in regular courses. (Typically offered: Irregular) May be repeated for up to 6 hours of degree credit.