

African and African American Studies, BA

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Explore important issues facing African-descended peoples from different historical, cultural, sociological, political and psychological perspectives, and allow passion and knowledge to shape how you benefit others in a variety of areas.


Program description

The African and African American studies program at ASU has assembled a dynamic faculty engaged in investigating the riveting complexities of Africa.

Trained in a variety of disciplines that include anthropology, health, history, journalism, literature, sociology, political science and women's studies, the faculty guide students as they examine a wide array of critical issues facing African-descended peoples across the stages of life at various times and places in history.

In addition to reviewing the guidelines in the Concurrent Program Options section below, students interested in pursuing concurrent or second baccalaureate degrees in The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences are advised to visit [The College's website](#) for more information and requirements.

At a glance

- **College/School:** [The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#)
- **Location:** [Tempe](#) or [Online](#), [ASU Local](#)
- **Second language requirement:** Yes
- **First required math course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics
- **Math intensity:** General 

Required courses (Major Map)

[2024 - 2025 Major Map \(on-campus\)](#)

[2024 - 2025 Major Map \(online\)](#)

[Major Map \(Archives\)](#)

Concurrent program options

Students pursuing concurrent degrees (also known as a "double major") earn two distinct degrees and receive two diplomas. Working with their academic advisors, students can create their own concurrent degree combination. Some combinations are not possible due to high levels of overlap in curriculum.

Accelerated program options

This program allows students to obtain both a bachelor's and master's degree in as little as five years. It is offered as an [accelerated bachelor's plus master's degree](#) with:

[Science and Technology Policy, MSTP](#)

Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. Students typically receive approval to pursue the accelerated master's during the junior year of their bachelor's degree program. Interested students can learn about eligibility requirements and [how to apply](#).

Admission requirements

General university admission requirements:

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

[First-year](#) | [Transfer](#) | [International](#) | [Readmission](#)

Tuition information

When it comes to paying for higher education, everyone's situation is different. Students can learn about [ASU tuition and financial aid](#) options to find out which will work best for them.

Change of Major Requirements

A current ASU student has no additional requirements for changing majors.

Students should visit the [Change of Major form](#) for information about how to change a major to this program.

Attend online

ASU Online

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may [view the program's ASU Online page](#) for program descriptions and to request more information.

ASU Local

It is now possible to earn an ASU degree with [ASU Local](#), an integrated college experience in which students take advantage of in-person success coaching and programming experiences on site while completing one of 130+ undergraduate online degree programs, all of which come with online faculty interaction and tutoring support.

Transfer options

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use [MyPath2ASU®](#) to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has [transfer partnerships](#) in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools and resources, and they help students save time and money in their college journey.

Program learning outcomes

Program learning outcomes identify what a student will learn or be able to do upon completion of their program. This program has the following program outcomes:

- Conduct independent research exploring critical issues in and to the African diaspora.
- Apply digital literacy skills to present their research in the field.
- Analyze the ways in which race intersects with other social locations in shaping ideology, as well as social, political and cultural institutions.

Global opportunities

Global experience

[Global Education programs](#) enable students to experience a very different cultural environment. Learning to adapt can be challenging at first, but rewarding by the end of the adventure. Students learn to grow outside of their comfort zone as they learn more about the world, and they may even change the way they think about and perceive others.

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences recommends [specific study abroad programs](#) for students majoring in African and African American studies.

Career opportunities

Through its emphasis on various social aspects and groups, the African and African American studies program provides students with practical applications useful for various workplaces. This program helps students develop cultural sensitivity and prepares them for careers in:

- administration
- advertising
- business
- counseling
- education
- health care
- human resources
- international relations
- journalism
- justice
- law

Graduates are prepared for work in many arenas, including:

- business --- corporations, hotel chains, public relations firms, sales departments, the insurance industry, travel agencies
- civic --- civil rights organizations, nonprofit organizations, social service agencies, the Peace Corps
- education --- colleges and universities, museums, research organizations
- government --- law firms, political action groups

Example job titles and salaries listed below are not necessarily entry level, and students should take into consideration how years of experience and geographical location may affect pay scales. Some jobs also may require advanced degrees, certifications or state-specific licensure.

Career	*Growth	*Median salary
<u>Anthropology Professor</u>	4.0%	\$85,000
<u>High School Teacher</u>	1.0%	\$62,360
<u>History Professor</u>	1.3%	\$79,400
<u>Investment Fund Manager</u> ☀	16.0%	\$139,790
<u>Judge</u>	2.2%	\$151,030
<u>Lawyer</u> ☀	7.5%	\$135,740
<u>Mediator</u> ☀	5.0%	\$64,030
<u>Political Analyst</u> ☀	6.6%	\$128,020
<u>Political Science Professor</u>	3.7%	\$83,770
<u>Social Services Director</u> ☀	9.1%	\$74,240

* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).



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