African and African American Studies, BA

Follow your passions by taking a broad selection of courses that allow you to explore important issues from different historical, cultural, sociological, political and psychological perspectives. Then allow that passion and knowledge to benefit others in any of a variety of arenas.

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.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** [The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#)
- **Location:** [Tempe](#) or [Online, ASU Local](#)

- **Additional Program Fee:** Yes
- **Second Language Requirement:** Yes
- **First Required Math Course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics
- **Math Intensity:** General

Required Courses (Major Map)
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 and master's degree with:

Science and Technology Policy, MSTP

Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. During their junior year, eligible students are advised by their academic departments to apply.

Admission Requirements

General University Admission Requirements:
All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

First-year | Transfer | International | Readmission

Change of Major Requirements

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

Students should refer to https://changemajor.apps.asu.edu 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 description and request more information here.
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. Those interested may learn more about ASU Local here.

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. Students may learn more about these programs by visiting the admission site: https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/MyPath2ASU.

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.

Global Opportunities

Global Experience

Studying abroad allows students to experience a very different cultural environment. Students can grow outside of their comfort zone as they learn more about the world through the lens of the African diaspora in places like Cape Town, South Africa; Meknes, Morocco; or even a semester at sea, stopping at various locations throughout the world. More information is available on the Global Education website: https://goglobal.asu.edu/.

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences recommends the following study abroad programs for students majoring in African and African American studies: https://goglobal.asu.edu/students-major/sst/african-african-american-studies.

Career Opportunities
Because of 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; some examples:

- 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

Career examples include but are not limited to those shown in the following list. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

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* 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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