African and African American Studies, BA

Follow your passions by taking a broad selection of courses addressing many of the critical issues facing African-descended peoples. Explore important issues from different historical, cultural, sociological, political and psychological perspectives. Many people who earn degrees in this area go on to study law, business or medicine.

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 examine a wide array of critical issues facing African-descended peoples across the stages of life at various times and places in history. Students choose one of the following areas of concentration: African diaspora studies or African studies.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- **Location:** Tempe campus
- **Additional Program Fee:** Yes
- **Second Language Requirement:** Yes
- **First Required Math Course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics
- **Math Intensity:** General

Required Courses (Major Map)

[2019 - 2020 Major Map (On-campus)]
[Major Map (Archives)]
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 will be advised by their academic departments to apply.

Admission Requirements

General University Admission Requirements:

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

| Freshman | Transfer | International | Readmission |

Change of Major Requirements

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

Students should refer to https://changingmajors.asu.edu/request for information about how to change a major to this program.

Transfer Options

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use the Transfer Map search 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 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/pathway-programs.

Global Opportunities

Global Experience
With over 250 programs in more than 65 countries (ranging from one week to one year), study abroad is possible for all ASU students wishing to gain global skills and knowledge in preparation for a 21st-century career. Students earn ASU credit for completed courses, while staying on track for graduation, and may apply financial aid and scholarships toward program costs. [https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu/](https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu/)

**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
- human resources
- international relations
- journalism
- justice
- law
- management
- travel

The program prepares students for work in:

- civil rights organizations
- colleges and universities
- corporations
- government agencies
- hotel chains
- law firms
- libraries
- museums
- nonprofit organizations
- political action groups
- public relation firms
- research organizations
- sales departments
• social service agencies
• the insurance industry
• the Peace Corps
• travel agencies

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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