

AFRICAN AND AFRICAN DIASPORA STUDIES

African and African Diaspora Studies is the discipline that studies the cultures, societies, and political economies of people of African descent in the United States and throughout the world. African and African Diaspora Studies uses both quantitative and qualitative methods of inquiry to describe, explain, evaluate, and predict the lived experiences of people of African descent. The major in African and African Diaspora Studies thus educates students in the best traditions of the liberal arts and sciences, providing them with a sound knowledge of the past, present, and future roles of people of African descent in structuring life in diverse societies. The department's courses are designed to satisfy the needs of students who desire to specialize in African and African Diaspora Studies or whose career objectives make it desirable to have knowledge of the people of African descent in the United States and throughout the world.

Students thinking of majoring or minoring in African and African Diaspora Studies are encouraged to contact the department for assistance (<https://uwm.edu/african-diaspora-studies/contact-us/>).

Programs

- African and African Diaspora Studies, BA (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/letters-science/african-diaspora-studies/african-diaspora-studies-ba/>)
- African and African Diaspora Studies, MA (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/letters-science/african-diaspora-studies/african-diaspora-studies-ma/>)
- African and African Diaspora Studies, Minor (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/letters-science/african-diaspora-studies/african-diaspora-studies-minor/>)
- African and African Diaspora Studies, PhD (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/letters-science/african-diaspora-studies/african-diaspora-studies-phd/>)

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