



COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

AFRICAN & AFRICAN-AMERICAN STUDIES

The multidisciplinary **African & African-American Studies** major offers a nuanced understanding of the experiences of African and African-descended people. Students gain a solid foundation in liberal arts and valuable **critical thinking**, **research**, **writing** and **analytical skills** through exploration of the cultures, histories, politics, arts and intellectual contributions of Africans throughout the diaspora.

DEPARTMENT STRENGTHS

- **Interdisciplinary Curriculum.** Students benefit from a well-rounded curriculum that draws from history, anthropology, sociology, political science, gender studies and art, among others.
- **Career Opportunities.** Graduates go on to competitive careers in numerous fields, including law, public policy, media, nonprofits and more.
- **Flexible Degree.** Because of its interdisciplinary nature, AAAS is ideal as a second major.

SAMPLE CURRICULUM

Core Courses

- AAAS 2100 Intro to African & African-American Study
- AAAS 3100 Research Methods in AAAS
- AAAS 4100 Seminar in AAAS

Concentration Courses*

- AAAS 3805 Race and Religion in the US
- ARTH 4183 Visual Arts of Africa
- COMM 3361 African-American Rhetoric
- HIST 4287 Africa and the African Diaspora
- PHIL 3452 African-American Philosophy
- SOCI 4460 Black and White Women in the South

DEGREE OPTIONS

- BA in African & African-American Studies**
 - Honors in African & African-American Studies
- Minor in African & African-American Studies

FOCUS AREAS & TOPICS

- African-American Political Thought and Philosophy
- Arts, Literature and Cultural Expression
- Histories, Cultures and Institutions
- Inequalities and Disparities
- Race, Class, Gender and Sexuality
- Religion in Africa and the Diaspora
- Social Movements

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- Annual Lecture Series
- Community Outreach Projects
- Directed Readings & Research
- Independent Study
- Internships
- Student Organizations
- Study Abroad

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MAJOR FACT SHEET

BY THE NUMBERS (Spring 2024)

Student Enrollment

15

Total

15

Undergraduate

0

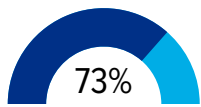
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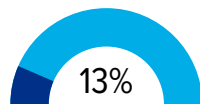
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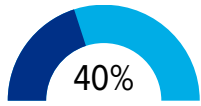
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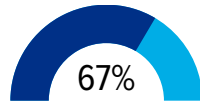
Female



Under 25



Pell Grant



First Gen

Faculty Employed

8:1

Student-Faculty Ratio[†]

2 Full-Time
10 Part-Time

15 Grad Asst
27 Total

Degrees Awarded

2

Total

3.0

Time to Degree

148

Avg Hours Earned

Career Outcomes[‡]

N/A

Avg Expected Salary
First Destination

\$56K

Avg Annual Salary
1-3 Years Post-Grad

70%

Employed in TN

52%

Employed in Memphis

TN Employment Outlook

N/A

10-Year Job Growth

N/A

Avg Annual Job Openings

WHO YOU ARE

Personality

- Conscientious
- Creative
- Independent
- Passionate
- Perceptive
- Thoughtful

Interests & Hobbies

- Culture
- History
- Human Rights
- Literature & Media
- Popular Culture
- Social Issues

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

Core Skills

- Advocacy & Activism
- Black Diasporic Theory
- Cultural Practices & Perspectives
- Data Collection & Analysis
- Political Theory
- Research Methods & Design

Transferable Skills

- Critical Thinking
- Cultural Competence
- Digital Literacy
- Persuasion
- Problem Solving
- Written & Oral Communication

CAREER OPTIONS

Job Titles

- Activist
- Anthropologist
- Community Organizer
- Copywriter
- Historian
- Labor Relations Advisor
- Museum Curator
- PR Specialist
- Social Psychologist
- Sociologist

Industries

- Arts & Media
- Education
- Government
- Nonprofit
- Social Services

* The specified courses are for example purposes only. It is not a complete list of core courses by concentration.
** Online degree options are available for the specified programs through UofM Global.

† Calculated based on the number of student majors and the number of full-time faculty.

‡ Based on self-reported post-graduation outcomes of UofM students who have earned a Bachelor's degree in the last ten years.