

# African Studies (MA)

The Department of African Studies (DAS) provides an opportunity for Howard students to acquire an objective view of the present position of Africa in the modern (and changing) world, as well as an understanding of Africa's economic, social, and political problems. The department has adopted an interdisciplinary approach to the study of Africa at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. At the undergraduate level, the department educates students who wish to continue their studies in African affairs or are preparing to work in this field.

The DAS offers the only undergraduate major in African Studies in the United States. Students graduating from the department typically go on to undertake further study and professional careers in African and international affairs as well as obtain employment in fields such as teaching, law, social work, communications, business, non-governmental and governmental organizations.

**Program:** [African Studies](#)

**Type:** MA

## Required Core Course Credits

Item #	Title	Credits
AFST-211	Scope and Methods of African Studies	3
AFST-212	Theory in African Studies	3
AFST-225	Public Policy and Development	3
AFST-304	Africa in World Affairs	3
AFST-322	Language, Literature and Arts	3
<b>Sub-Total Credits</b>		<b>15</b>

## Supportive Course Options Below:

\*NOTE: Only up to three credit hours of independent study may be applied towards an M.A. or PhD degree.

Item #	Title	Credits
AFST-102	Science, Technology and African Development	3
AFST-107	Social Media and Political Change in Africa	3
AFST-110	African Development and Underdevelopment	3
AFST-234	Globalization in the African World	3
AFST-290	History of South Africa	3
AFST-243	Issues of Health Policy and Development in Africa	3
AFST-229	Planning for Development in Africa I	3
AFST-231	Women and Development in Africa	3
AFST-232	Gender Theory and Practice in Africa	3
AFST-237	Africa and International Law and Organizations	3
AFST-240	Rural Development	3
AFST-242	Development Policy and Administration	3
AFST-244	Urban Development in Africa	3
AFST-245	Foreign Policy-Making in African States	3
AFST-270	Conflict Resolution in Africa	3
AFST-293	History of African Philosophy	3
AFST-305	Governance in Africa	3
AFST-323	Literature of South Africa	3
AFST-324	Oral and Written Literature and Film in Africa	3
AFST-325	Oral Traditions and Written Literature	3
AFST-327	Women in African Literature	3
AFST-328	Film and History in Africa and the Diaspora	3
AFST-356	Education and Social Change in Africa	3
AFST-357	Migrant Remittances and African Development	3
AFST-360	NGOs and Africa	3
AFST-372	African Political Thought	3
AFST-200	Independent Study	3
AFST-201	Independent Study	3
AFST-202	Independent Study	3
<b>Sub-Total Credits</b>		<b>9</b>

## Elective Courses

Elective courses may be taken within department (under subject code AFST or other disciplines with advanced approval. (Options: Courses level 200 and above).

<b>Sub-Total Credits</b>	<b>6</b>
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# Thesis

Thesis \*NOTE: A maximum of 6 thesis credits may be taken per semester. In addition, a maximum of 6 thesis credits may be counted toward the required credits for program completion.

Item #	Title	Credits
AFST-300	Thesis	6
AFST-301	Thesis	6
AFST-302	Thesis	6
<b>Sub-Total Credits</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Total credits:</b>		<b>36</b>