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THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
AFRICAN & AFRICAN-AMERICAN STUDIES
GRADUATE PROGRAM

“...We are where Africa, the Americas, Europe and the Middle East meet.”

The Department
Founded in 1970, the Department of African and African-American Studies seeks to educate students to function in a multicultural environment and in a global community. The objective of the M.A. program in African and African-American Studies at the University of Kansas is to produce scholars, teachers, administrators, and other professionals who have the intellectual and scholarly capacity and skills to make ongoing contributions to the world in which they live. Our graduate program encourages students to adapt a critical perspective requiring an integrative approach to the study of history, politics, economics, the arts, languages, culture, anthropology, and geography that does not abstract them from their political and social contexts, but rather relocates them within the social and political contexts from which they developed. Students are required to focus not only on the experiences of Africans and African Americans, but also on the links of those experiences to the cultural, political, and economic forces of the larger world to which Africans and African Americans have been, and are, inextricably connected.

The Program
The African and African-American studies M.A. program takes two years of full-time study. Nine upper-division and graduate courses, in addition to a thesis or additional course work for a non-thesis option, are required for the degree — a total of 33 credit hours.

There are four core courses:
• Introduction to Africana Studies I: African-American
• Introduction to Africana Studies II: African
• Research Methods in Africana Studies
• Seminar in Africana Studies.

Students are expected to choose five courses (15 credit hours) in their areas of specialization. Students can take 6 credit hours outside the department in related courses including, among others: American studies; anthropology; art; communication studies; economics; education; English; film and media studies; geography; history; philosophy; political science; religion; sociology; theatre; and women, gender, and sexuality studies.

Applications
• Application deadline for fall: May 1
  • Testing requirement: GRE required
  • TOEFL required (if the student’s native language is not English)
  • One original copy of all academic transcripts
  • Three letters of recommendation from qualified individuals, preferring most recent professors
  • Personal statement of purpose explaining your academic objectives
  • Sample of your writing. A paper from a previous course should be satisfactory.

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