

# Graduate Certificate in African-American Studies

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## Academic goals of the program

The central objective of the Department of African & African-American Studies (AAAS) in this certificate program is to formally recognize the expertise students in a range of disciplines already obtain in African-American Studies in a manner that enhances students' career opportunities. The Graduate Certificate in African-American Studies enables graduate students to formally claim expertise in an area of the field of African-American Studies through completion of 12 hours of graduate coursework.

## Admission to Graduate Studies

An applicant seeking to pursue graduate study in the College may be admitted as either a degree-seeking or non-degree seeking student. Policies and procedures of Graduate Studies govern the process of Graduate admission. These may be found in the Graduate Studies (<http://catalog.ku.edu/graduate-studies/>) section of the online catalog.

Please consult the Departments & Programs (<http://catalog.ku.edu/liberal-arts-sciences/>) section of the online catalog for information regarding program-specific admissions criteria and requirements. Special admissions requirements pertain to Interdisciplinary Studies degrees, which may be found in the Graduate Studies section of the online catalog.

## Admissions criteria

Eligibility criteria for admission to the certificate program follow Graduate Studies' admission policy (<https://policy.ku.edu/graduate-studies/admission-to-graduate-study/>). To be considered for admission, an applicant must hold a bachelor's degree.

Application requirements differ for current KU students versus non-KU students. Please visit the Department's website (<http://afs.ku.edu/applying/>) for a full list of the required application materials. Non-native speakers of English must meet Graduate Studies' English proficiency requirements (<https://policy.ku.edu/graduate-studies/english-proficiency-international-students/>).

Code	Title	Hours
<b>12 credit hours to be distributed as follows</b>		
AAAS 801	Introduction to Africana Studies: African-American	3
Additional 9 hours or three courses of electives		9

In close consultation with their advisor, a student designs a coherent sequence of three elective courses. All courses must be at the 500-level or above. At least one of the elective courses (three credit hours) must be taken at the 700-level or above. Only courses with an African-American focus may count toward the required hours. No more than three hours of directed readings or independent study may be counted. A list of graduate-level courses with an African-American focus, offered in AAAS and in other departments, can be found on the AAAS website (<https://afs.ku.edu/courses/#aasce>).