

Graduate Certificate in African Studies

an Africa focus, offered in AAAS and in other departments, can be found on the AAAS website (<https://afs.ku.edu/afscourses/>).

Students are encouraged to review Graduate Studies' policies (<https://ogs.ku.edu/policies/>) related to graduate certificate programs for information about other requirements that may apply.

Academic goals of the program

The central objective of the Department of African & African-American Studies (AAAS) and The Kansas African Studies Center (KASC) in this certificate program is to formally recognize the expertise students in a range of disciplines already obtain in African Studies, in a manner that enhances students' career opportunities. The Graduate Certificate in African Studies enables graduate students to formally claim expertise in an area of the field of African 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 (<https://catalog.ku.edu/archives/2024-25/graduate-studies/>) section of the online catalog.

Please consult the Departments & Programs (<https://catalog.ku.edu/archives/2024-25/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/>).

Requirements for the Graduate Certificate in African Studies

Code	Title	Hours
General requirements		
12 credit hours to be distributed as follows		
AAAS 802	Introduction to Africana Studies: African	3
Additional 9 hours or three courses		9

In close consultation with the Director of Graduate Studies, a student designs a coherent sequence of three elective courses. All courses, including language course work, 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 Africa 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