

Bachelor of Arts

## African American and African Studies

College of Arts and Science

The Department of African American and African Studies (AAAS) provides an intellectual home for the exploration, critical examination, analysis, and interpretation of the experiences, traditions, and dynamics of people of African descent in the United States and Africa and its diaspora. The department offers a broad selection of courses addressing historical, cultural, sociological, political, and psychological factors that affect the lives of African peoples from disciplinary, interdisciplinary, multi-disciplinary, trans-disciplinary, and comparative perspectives. <sup>i</sup>

### Career Areas/Job Titles:

#### Management and Industry

Cultural Resources Manager  
Civil Services Worker  
Social Worker  
Human Resources

#### Communication and Media

Journalist  
Media Relations Specialist  
Linguist/Interpreter

#### Education

High School Teacher  
Administrator  
Professor  
Student Affairs  
University Administration  
**Non-Profit/Advocacy**  
Peace Corps Staffer  
Program Administrator  
HIV/AIDS Activist

#### Government/Politics

Foreign Service Specialist  
Political Analyst  
Public Administration  
State and Local Government  
Civil Service Work  
Community Urban Planning  
Public Affairs and Policy

*\*Some careers may require licensure, certification, or further education. Talk to an advisor about specific requirements.*

### Transferable Skills:

Expressing Ideas  
Listening Skills  
Persuasion  
Public Speaking  
Technical Writing  
Written Communication

Cultural Understanding  
Gathering Information  
Identifying Problems  
Research Skills  
Planning  
Strategic Planning/Visioning

Creating Innovative Solutions  
Multi-tasking  
Analytical/Critical Thinking  
Problem Solving

*\*This is not an extensive list of transferable skills. See larger list of skills you might develop here:  
<http://ccss.osu.edu>*

### Professional Links:

African Studies Association: <http://www.africanstudies.org/>

National Consortium for Study in Africa: <http://africa.isp.msu.edu/osafrica.htm>

National Association of African American Studies: <http://www.naaas.org/aboutus.html>

Association for the Study of African American Life and History: <http://www.naaas.org/aboutus.html>