



College of Arts & Sciences

African American and Africana Studies

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WHAT CAN AN AAAS MAJOR AT UK DO FOR YOU?

Students who major in African American and Africana Studies (AAAS) will uncover the centrality of people of African descent to humanity, their centrality to the creation of the modern world and the present-day struggles and triumphs of Black people. An AAAS major also helps students develop analytical and critical thinking skills, contribute to the diversity of ideas at the University of Kentucky and the larger society and offers solutions to the problems that challenge and constrict Black life.

AAAS MAJORS ARE ABLE TO:

- Develop an understanding of inequalities in American society by considering them in the context of the social origins and development.
- Gain an interest and knowledge of Africa and the African Diaspora experience through quality teaching and research.
- Experience a multidisciplinary approach that offers a selection of courses in anthropology, English, history, geography, political science, sociology, philosophy, religion, and language.
- Learn important analytical and critical thinking skills that are applicable to everyday life.

AAAS MAJORS GO ON TO BECOME:

- Astronauts
- Attorneys
- Ambassadors
- Broadcast journalists
- Civil Rights activists
- Dentists
- Doctors
- Documentary film makers
- Engineers
- Government officials
- Information Technology specialists
- Museum directors
- Novelists
- Nurses
- Professors
- Poets/playwrights
- Political cartoonists
- TV reporters/personalities

NEW BA IN AAAS REQUIREMENTS:

- 39 credit hours.
- 18 hours of required AAS courses: o AAS 100, AAS 200, AAS 301, AAS 400 (taken twice under different subtitles), and AAS 401 (capstone course and fulfills Graduate Composition & Communication Requirement [GCCR]).
- 15 hours of electives from an approved list. o 12 credits must be at the 300-level or above (many of these courses are cross-listed with AAS and other departments).
 - o 6 or more credits of free electives (non-AAS prefix) at the 200-level or above in allied departments.
 - o Allied departments include A&S, AIS, A-H, HIS, SOC, ENG, MCLLC, MUS, ANT, GEO, PS, SW, EDP, and GWS.
 - o Free electives may not be counted toward the UK Core or A&S requirements.

To learn more about majoring in AAAS visit aaas.as.uky.edu or contact Dr. Bertin M. Louis, Jr (AAAS Director of Undergraduate Studies) at Bertin.Louis@uky.edu.