



AFRICAN STUDIES PROGRAM

OVERVIEW

The African Studies Program, established in 1961, fosters a strong environment for research, teaching, and outreach dedicated to Africa. The program's intellectual commitment to interdisciplinary learning elevates a rich diversity of viewpoints about the African continent. As one of UW-Madison's **Title VI National Resource Centers** located within the Institute for Regional and International Studies—a unit of the International Division—the African Studies Program also facilitates public programs for K-12 schools, community colleges, community organizations, and libraries across the state.

ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

Examples of course offerings:

-  **AFRICAN 277:**
Interdisciplinary Introduction to African Studies
-  **INTL ST 320:**
Contemporary Issues in Africa
-  **AFRICAN 210:**
The African Storyteller

Certificates & degrees

Undergraduate certificate *Undergraduates can advance their interest in Africa by earning a certificate in African Studies. The African Studies Program offers more than 100 Africa-related courses each year in nearly 40 diverse departments.*

Graduate certificate *This graduate certificate is awarded to students demonstrating advanced knowledge of African Studies and requires completion of at least 12 credits of core or extended core courses taught by African Studies Program faculty.*

PhD minor *Doctoral students can enhance their academic trajectory by pursuing a PhD minor in African Studies. This interdisciplinary program requires 12 graduate credits from the African Studies Program core curriculum.*

FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

The program offers a wide range of fellowships and grants, including but not limited to:

Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships: FLAS fellowships are funded by the U.S. Department of Education and administered by the UW's National Resource Centers to assist students in acquiring foreign language and either area or international studies competencies.

Tejumola Olaniyan International Student Travel Award: Supports the study of Global Black Cultures.

Jordan Prize: Recognizes the year's best academic work by a graduate student. Faculty from over 40 departments are invited to nominate outstanding students.

African Studies Program Research Award: Supports graduate student research or creative/artistic endeavors related to the study of Africa.

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International Division
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

40+

FLAS fellowships per grant cycle

62+

years in operation

90+

affiliated faculty

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES



Local: *The Children's African Story Hour shares award-winning children's literature with libraries across Madison. The program also supports the development of new international curricula, teaching opportunities for graduate students, and transfer pathways through the Madison College Africa Initiative.*



Statewide: *Public libraries across Wisconsin benefit from Read Africa, which provides complimentary books to all 17 public library systems in the state of Wisconsin. Additionally, the Outreach Scholars Program brings students to schools and community groups, providing classroom presentations, African storytelling, cultural demonstrations, and more.*



International: *The program maintains strong connections to institutions on the continent and helps foster exchange of people and ideas between the United States and Africa. In addition to supporting students to study abroad, the program works with several local organizations to facilitate exchanges.*

SIGNATURE EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

- ▶ *Children's African Story Hour*
- ▶ *Africa at Noon*
- ▶ *Annual Jan Vansina Lecture*
- ▶ *Africa Talks*
- ▶ *Annual Tejumola Olaniyan Lecture*
- ▶ *READ Africa Public Libraries Initiative*



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