

Africana Studies

The Department of Africana Studies at Brown University is the intellectual center for faculty and students interested in the critical study of the artistic, cultural, historical, literary and theoretical expressions of the peoples and cultures of Africa and the African Diaspora. The department has one of the leading faculties in the discipline. Members of the faculty have received many prestigious honors and awards such as the Gish Award, the Andrew Carnegie Fellowship, the Guggenheim Fellowship and the MacArthur Fellowship, in addition to successfully competing for fellowships and grants from the Ford Foundation, the Fulbright Program, the Woodrow Wilson Foundation, the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Science Foundation.

Our fifth-year M.A. provides training for students interested in doctoral studies or pursuing careers as teachers or in professions related to Africana Studies, with a thorough grounding in critical thinking, research and scholarship at one of the most prestigious centers of research and scholarship in the United States. Our program is organized to provide students with the opportunity and flexibility to design a program of study that addresses intellectual interests and career ambitions.

The department of Africana Studies offers a graduate program leading to the Ph.D. in Africana Studies. For more information on admission and program requirements, please visit the website: <http://www.brown.edu/academics/gradschool/programs/africana-studies-0> (<http://www.brown.edu/academics/gradschool/programs/africana-studies-0/>)

Students admitted to the 5th year M.A. must complete six courses (beyond the two courses taken as undergraduate students and applied to their master's degree). The eight courses (including the two taken as undergraduates) must include three of the core topical classes (AFRI 2101 [Methods] is required + 2 of the other core classes offered) in the Africana Studies graduate program. At least four of the remaining courses must be with core or affiliate Africana faculty. Students will take the core courses already in place for the doctoral program. That will integrate them into the overall graduate community in the Department.

Program Requirements

3 Core Courses

AFRI 2101	Methods in Africana Studies (*Students must register for 2 additional core courses below)	1
AFRI 2002	Theories of Africana Thought: Literary and Expressive Cultures	1
AFRI 2001	Theories of Africana Thought: Intellectual History and Critical Theory	1

4 of the remaining courses must be with core or affiliate Africana faculty 4

AFRI 2010	Black Transnational Feminism
HIST 2970C	Rethinking the Civil Rights Movement
PHUM 2020	Methods in Public Humanities
AFRI 2015	Revolt and Revolution in the Black World
AFRI 2020	Afro-pessimism and Its Kin
AFRI 2300	Black Critique: Black Critical Theory - History, Literature, Politics, the Human Sciences of Being
ENGL 2901P	Black Feminism: Roots, Routes, Futures