

# AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES, MA

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Please consult the table below for key information about this degree program's admissions requirements. The program may have more detailed admissions requirements, which can be found below the table or on the program's website.

Graduate admissions is a two-step process between academic programs and the Graduate School. **Applicants must meet the minimum requirements (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/>) of the Graduate School as well as the program(s).** Once you have researched the graduate program(s) you are interested in, apply online (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/>).

| Requirements                       | Detail                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| Fall Deadline                      | December 15                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Spring Deadline                    | The program does not admit in the spring.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Summer Deadline                    | The program does not admit in the summer.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| GRE (Graduate Record Examinations) | Not required                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| English Proficiency Test           | Refer to the Graduate School: Minimum Requirements for Admission policy: <a href="https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241">https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241</a> ( <a href="https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241/">https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241/</a> ). |
| Other Test(s) (e.g., GMAT, MCAT)   | n/a                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Letters of Recommendation Required | 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

To apply to the Master's program, upload all documents listed below to the Graduate School's online application (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/>):

- Unofficial transcript(s) or academic records from each institution attended;
  - International academic records must be in the original language accompanied by an official English translation.
- Statement of purpose (2 double-spaced pages);
- A writing sample (10-20 double-spaced pages);
- Three (3) letters of recommendation.

Prospective students must meet the Graduate School minimum requirements (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/>). Admission to the department is competitive: the minimum overall GPA required is 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. Students with a GPA above 3.3 are especially encouraged to apply.

Priority will be given to students who have completed undergraduate courses in subjects related to African American history, culture, or society or who have completed an undergraduate major in one of the following

fields: African American Studies; a related social science discipline; or the humanities.

Students with an interest in pursuing a PhD in either English or History might be interested in applying to the Bridge Programs in English (<http://www.english.wisc.edu/grad-afroam.htm>) or History (<https://history.wisc.edu/our-graduate-program/bridge-program/>), which allow a student who has completed an MA in African American studies to move directly into one of those PhD programs.

More information about our application requirements is available on our website (<https://africanamericanstudies.wisc.edu/graduate-degree/#:~:text=Graduate%20Degree%20Application%20Requirements>).