African American and African Studies
Western Michigan University

Majors and Minors
African American and African Studies, major & minor

- Interdisciplinary focus includes the social sciences, humanities and arts.
- Hands-on learning and experiences through community internships.
- Opportunities for study abroad.
- Individual research opportunities on topics of your choice.
- Training in critical analysis of historical and contemporary issues.
- Preparation and support for graduate school.
- Opportunity for Diversity Leadership Certificate.

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As part of an intentional community of scholars, students in Western’s AAAS programs have the opportunity to engage in critical study of the black diasporic cultural traditions, conditions, race and ethnic relations in Africa, the Caribbean basin, and especially North America. Studies focus on the essential, organic role black people and their cultures have played in shaping the societies in which they live.

The program offers opportunities for internships, study abroad and independent study of special topics. You will gain critical thinking skills linked to rigorous historical and contemporary knowledge regarding the social, economic and political processes that peoples of African descent have faced and continue to face.

Collaboration with the community is a key element of the programs, which also support local events and activities to deepen and enliven knowledge of the experiences and cultures of peoples of African descent.

Potential Careers and Median Salaries

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<td>Diversity Manager</td>
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<td>Public Affairs Officer</td>
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According to Glassdoor and the Bureau of Labor Statistics

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