

# AFRICAN CULTURAL STUDIES, M.A.

## REQUIREMENTS

### MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Review the Graduate School minimum academic progress and degree requirements (<http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#policiesandrequirements>), in addition to the program requirements listed below.

### MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

#### MODE OF INSTRUCTION

Face to Face	Evening/ Weekend	Online	Hybrid	Accelerated
Yes	No	No	No	No

#### Mode of Instruction Definitions

**Accelerated:** Accelerated programs are offered at a fast pace that condenses the time to completion. Students typically take enough credits aimed at completing the program in a year or two.

**Evening/Weekend:** Courses meet on the UW-Madison campus only in evenings and/or on weekends to accommodate typical business schedules. Students have the advantages of face-to-face courses with the flexibility to keep work and other life commitments.

**Face-to-Face:** Courses typically meet during weekdays on the UW-Madison Campus.

**Hybrid:** These programs combine face-to-face and online learning formats. Contact the program for more specific information.

**Online:** These programs are offered 100% online. Some programs may require an on-campus orientation or residency experience, but the courses will be facilitated in an online format.

### CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

#### Requirement Detail

Minimum Credit Requirement 30 credits

Minimum Residence Credit Requirement 24 credits

Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement Half of degree coursework (15 credits out of 30 total credits) must be completed graduate-level coursework; courses with the Graduate Level Coursework attribute are identified and searchable in the university's Course Guide (<https://registrar.wisc.edu/course-guide> (<https://registrar.wisc.edu/course-guide/>)).

Overall Graduate GPA Requirement 3.00 GPA required.

Other Grade Requirements M.A. candidates should maintain a 3.5 GPA in all AFRICAN department courses and may not have any more than two Incompletes on their record at any one time.

Assessments and Examinations By the beginning of the fourth semester (e.g. the end of January), the candidate will complete a Qualifying Paper (QP) in the form, length, and quality of a publishable article. The QP may be based on a paper written for a departmental seminar, revised based on the instructor's feedback, and then read by two faculty members. One faculty member will be the student's primary MA advisor (by mutual agreement); the second will be assigned by the Department Chair or DGS. Acting as if they are reviewers for a journal determining whether the QP is publishable, the two faculty members will deem the QP "publishable," suggest additional revisions, or reject it.

Language Requirements Two years study of an African language are required. Students may petition for an exemption if they have received comparable African language training or have intermediate or higher proficiency in an African language.

### REQUIRED COURSES

Code	Title	Credits
Two years study of an African language.		
AFRICAN 700	Reading and Writing African Cultural Studies	3
AFRICAN 803	Theories of African Cultural Studies	3
Two AFRICAN department seminars at the 900-level		6
Six AFRICAN department elective courses chosen in consultation with the graduate advisor		18
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>30</b>