

African Studies

- MA with Specialization in African Studies

About the Program

The Collaborative master's with a Specialization in African Studies is especially designed for master's students in participating programs in the Faculties of Arts and Social Science, Public Affairs, and the Sprott School of Business who wish to enrich their training in a particular discipline or area of study by developing expertise in African Studies through interdisciplinary dialogue.

The following master's programs participate in the Collaborative Program in African Studies. Consult the individual programs for detailed program requirements.

- Anthropology
- Applied Linguistics and Discourse Studies (thesis and research essay MAs only)
- Business Administration (MBA)
- Economics
- English
- French and Francophone Studies
- Film Studies (thesis and research essay MAs only)
- History
- International Affairs
- Legal Studies
- Political Economy
- Political Science
- Sociology
- Women's and Gender Studies

Academic Regulations

See the General Regulations section of this Calendar.

Admission Requirements

Students who are enrolled in a master's program in one of the participating units may apply to the Institute of African Studies for admission to the Collaborative Program.

Admission to the program is determined by the Institute of African Studies Graduate Committee and will normally take place before the end of September the year of admittance in one of the participating master's programs.

Admission requirements to the Collaborative master's with a Specialization in African Studies are:

- Registration in the master's program of one of the participating units;
- Approval of a student's program of study by the Graduate Committee of the Institute of African Studies and the student's home department. Students in a research essay or thesis program will be expected to choose a topic for the essay or thesis that is directly related to African Studies. Students in an approved course-work program will be required to take some elective courses in designated or approved courses with significant African content.

Program Requirements

Students enrolled in the Collaborative Program in African Studies must meet the requirements of their respective home units as well as those of the Collaborative Program. The requirements of the Collaborative Program do not, however, add to the number of credits students are required to accumulate by their home unit and the credit value of the degree remains the same. Consult the individual programs for detailed program requirements.

The requirements of the Collaborative Program are:

1. 0.5 credit in AFRI 5000 African Studies as a Discipline: Historical and Current Perspectives
2. 0.0 credit in AFRI 5800 Scholarly Preparation in African Studies which requires participation (normally at least 5) in public talks at Carleton in African Studies and a satisfactory presentation of proposed thesis or research essay or a term paper on an Africa Studies topic before African Studies faculty, graduate students and others for comments and feedback.
3. In addition, the following requirement(s) specific to particular master's programs of the supporting units:
 - Anthropology: Students in the course-work option would be required to take 1.0 credits in courses designated having sufficient African Studies content, at least 0.5 credits of which coming from ANTH 5109, ANTH 5202, ANTH 5209, ANTH 5809, SOCI 5404, or an Anthropology or Sociology course approved by the Graduate Coordinator of the Institute of African Studies.
 - Business Administration: Students would be required to take 1.0 credits in courses designated having sufficient African Studies content, within the School of Business or elsewhere, with permission of the School.
 - Economics: Students are required to take at least one of ECON 5500, ECON 5504, ECON 5505; those pursuing the non-thesis option are also required to take an approved African Studies elective.
 - English: Students in the course-work option would be required to take 1.0 credits in courses designated having sufficient African Studies content, at least 0.5 credits of which coming from ENGL 5008 or ENGL 5010, or an English course approved by the Graduate Coordinator of the Institute of African Studies.
 - French: Students in the Comprehensive Exam program would be required to have their general exam (FREN 5907) in the area of African Studies, in consultation with the Graduate Supervisor of French and the Graduate Coordinator of the Institute of African Studies.
 - History: Students in the research essay option, 1.0 credits with African Studies content are required. At least 0.5 credits must be a History course such as HIST 5812, HIST 5900, HIST 5902, or an appropriately themed fourth year seminar. Up to 0.5 credits of courses with African Studies content may be taken outside the History department with departmental permission.
 - International Affairs: Students in the course-work option would be required to take 1.0 credits in courses accepted by the Institute of African Studies Graduate

Coordinator as having sufficient African content, and accepted by the NPSIA MA Program Supervisor or Associate Director as being relevant to the student's program of study. These courses would normally be drawn from the social science courses listed under the collaborative program.

- **Political Science:** Students in the course-work option would be required to take 1.0 credits in courses designated having sufficient African Studies content, at least 0.5 credits of which coming from PSCI 5107, PSCI 5203, PSCI 5801, or another Political Science course approved by both the Graduate Supervisor in Political Science and the Graduate Coordinator of the Institute of African Studies.
- **Sociology:** Students in the course-work option would be required to take 1.0 credits in courses designated having sufficient African Studies content, at least 0.5 credits of which coming from SOCI 5404, ANTH 5109, ANTH 5202, ANTH 5209, ANTH 5809, or a Sociology or Anthropology course approved by the Graduate Coordinator of the Institute of African Studies.

4. For those doing a thesis or research essay/paper, submission and successful defence of a master's thesis or research essay/paper on an African Studies topic in the participating unit. The proposed topic must be approved by the student's home unit and by the Graduate Committee of the Institute of African Studies. At least one of the student's advisors or members of the examining committee will normally be selected from among the core faculty for the Collaborative Program. If not, the student must write a summary explaining the relevance of the thesis or research paper to African Studies, which will then be reviewed by the Graduate Committee of the Institute of African Studies and approved if deemed satisfactory.

Selection of Courses - African Studies

The courses listed below (all are worth 0.5 credit) are relevant to students of African Studies and could, with the approval of the specific requirements of the units involved, be used as courses to help fulfill degree requirements. There are also often graduate courses and 4000-level courses in a number of units at Carleton that are offered on an ad hoc basis that have significant content appropriate to African Studies. To have any such course count towards their degree requires approval of the Director of the Institute of African Studies when it is being offered.

Note: the number of spaces in graduate courses offered by other departments may be limited, and registration may be conditional upon obtaining the prior approval of the department concerned. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that permission is obtained from the appropriate department prior to registering in any of the following courses.

African Studies

AFRI 5000 [0.5]	African Studies as a Discipline: Historical and Current Perspectives
AFRI 5050 [0.5]	Selected Topics in African Studies

AFRI 5100 [0.5]	African Studies Abroad
AFRI 5700 [0.5]	Directed Readings in African Studies
AFRI 5900 [0.5]	Placement
AFRI 5800 [0.0]	Scholarly Preparation in African Studies
Anthropology	
ANTH 5109 [0.5]	Development, Dependency and Gender
ANTH 5202 [0.5]	The Anthropology of Underdevelopment
ANTH 5209 [0.5]	Special Topics in the Anthropology of Africa
ANTH 5809 [0.5]	Selected Topics in the Anthropology of Development and Underdevelopment
English	
ENGL 5008 [0.5]	Studies in African Literature
ENGL 5010 [0.5]	Studies in Caribbean Literature
French	
FREN 5600 [0.5]	Littératures du monde francophone
International Affairs	
INAF 5603 [0.5]	Issues in Development in Africa
Law	
LAWS 5007 [0.5]	Race, Ethnicity and the Law
LAWS 5603 [0.5]	International Law: Theory and Practice
Political Science	
PSCI 5107 [0.5]	Globalization, Adjustment and Democracy in Africa
PSCI 5202 [0.5]	Development Theory and Issues
PSCI 5203 [0.5]	Southern Africa After Apartheid
PSCI 5801 [0.5]	Foreign Policies of African States
Sociology	
SOCI 5404 [0.5]	Race, Ethnicity and Class in Contemporary Societies
Women's and Gender Studies	
WGST 5902 [0.5]	Advanced Topics in Women's and Gender Studies

African Studies (AFRI) Courses

AFRI 5000 [0.5 credit]

African Studies as a Discipline: Historical and Current Perspectives

This course examines the formation of African Studies as a discipline, including the historical and ongoing debates over its boundaries and genealogies and its changing research paradigms.

AFRI 5050 [0.5 credit]**Selected Topics in African Studies**

A course on a selected topic in African Studies. Topic varies from year to year and will be announced in advance of registration period.

AFRI 5100 [0.5 credit]**African Studies Abroad**

Based at one of Carleton's partner universities in Africa, course will include lectures, seminars, guest speakers, field visits and group research projects to examine a topic in African studies, as selected by the instructor. Topic and location may change annually.

AFRI 5700 [0.5 credit]**Directed Readings in African Studies**

A Tutorial on a selected topic in African Studies in which seminars are not available.

AFRI 5800 [0.0 credit]**Scholarly Preparation in African Studies**

This course will provide scholarly preparation in African Studies by requiring participation in public talks as both audience member and presenter.

AFRI 5900 [0.5 credit]**Placement**

Students spend up to one day a week participating in an organization that has an African focus, while carrying out tasks that have a scholarly content. Consult the Director of the Institute of African Studies.

Summer session: some of the courses listed in this Calendar are offered during the summer. Hours and scheduling for summer session courses will differ significantly from those reported in the fall/winter Calendar. To determine the scheduling and hours for summer session classes, consult the class schedule at central.carleton.ca

Not all courses listed are offered in a given year. For an up-to-date statement of course offerings for the current session and to determine the term of offering, consult the class schedule at central.carleton.ca