The Master of Arts in Africana Studies at the University at Albany provides graduate students with a robust, multidisciplinary, and intellectually stimulating program focused on the study and production of knowledge of Africa and the African Diaspora. While our faculty’s research and teaching cover many interests, our aim is to provide an integrative education that focuses on the experiences, lives and circumstances of peoples of African descent.

Students can pursue personal interests within one of two concentrations:

**AFRICAN STUDIES**
Students in African Studies may choose courses in history and culture, politics and economics of either particular regions or of the continent as a whole.

**AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES**
Subfields in African American Studies include history and culture, politics, sociology, psychology and literature.

“I WAS INTRODUCED TO THE SCOPE AND DEPTH OF THE DISCIPLINE OF AFRICANA STUDIES DURING MY TIME AT UALBANY. WITH A GREAT DEAL OF PROFESSIONALISM AND CARE, THE PROFESSORS IN THE DEPARTMENT CHALLENGED ME TO EXPAND MY KNOWLEDGE BASE, IMPROVE MY WRITING SKILLS, AND UNDERSTAND HOW REWARDING A CAREER IN THE DISCIPLINE CAN BE.”

SERIE MCDougAL, PH.D. & M.A. IN AFRICANA STUDIES GRADUATE

**RAISING THE BAR**
Africana Studies graduate students develop specific competencies that are essential to many different careers. These include an in-depth understanding of the cultural and historical experiences of African American and African peoples, knowledge of social and economic development issues, a broad understanding of cross-cultural and a grounding in social justice and change. Our students graduate with a solid global understanding of the influence and implications of the Africana world.
WHY AFRICANA STUDIES @UALBANY?

- **COST:** Save with tuition rates lower than those at most private universities.
- **FACULTY:** Learn from a diverse group of active researchers with a broad range of expertise, bringing a global perspective to the curriculum.
- **LOCATION:** Study in the heart of New York’s government and industry, and take advantage of numerous internship and job opportunities.
- **DIVERSITY:** We encourage students from all backgrounds to join us in investigating the historical and contemporary experiences of Africana peoples and how they are shaped by gender, class, race, and place.
- **NETWORK:** Gain access to an invaluable network of leading professionals, while fostering lifelong learning experiences for all students in the program.
- **UNIVERSAL:** Gain an excellent global education for graduate students.

“**Since 1969, Africana Studies faculty have transformed incoming graduate students into outstanding scholars, researchers, and professional workers in state and federal agencies. Our alumni graduate with the tools to make positive social change in the global world order.**”

DR. MARCIA SUTHERLAND, CHAIR, AFRICANA STUDIES DEPARTMENT

**THE MESSAGE IS CLEAR: OUR GRADUATES ARE WORKING**

In addition to continuing their graduate studies in law, professional schools and PhD programs across a number of disciplines, our graduates have also found employment in a number of interesting fields. Below is a small sampling of career paths that some have taken:

- **COLLEGE ADVISOR**
- **RESEARCHER**
- **EQUITY AND DIVERSITY ASSOCIATE**
- **CULTURAL RESOURCES MANAGER**
- **YOUTH PROGRAM DIRECTOR**
- **JOURNALIST/MEDIA RELATIONS SPECIALIST**
- **EMPLOYMENT COUNSELOR/DIRECTOR**
- **JUVENILE CASE MANAGER**
- **BUSINESS ANALYST**
- **HUMAN RESOURCE ANALYST**
- **LAW CLERK**
- **NON-PROFIT PROGRAM DIRECTOR**

For more information on the M.A. in Africana Studies, visit [https://www.albany.edu/africana/graduate-program.php](https://www.albany.edu/africana/graduate-program.php) or contact the Graduate School at graduate@albany.edu.

**AFRICANA STUDIES FAST FACTS**

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Completed on campus

2019-2020 Tuition (per credit):

- **IN STATE:** $471
- **OUT OF STATE:** $963

**ADMISSIONS DEADLINES:**

- **FALL SEMESTER, DEPARTMENTAL ASSISTANTSHIP CONSIDERATION:** JANUARY 15
- **SPRING SEMESTER, DEPARTMENTAL ASSISTANTSHIP CONSIDERATION:** OCTOBER 15
- **FALL & SPRING SEMESTER:** ROLLING

**APPLY ONLINE**

The Graduate School at the University at Albany offers an online step-by-step guide to the application process. This resource provides detailed information for both domestic and international students, and includes forms, deadlines, requirements and fees.

[www.albany.edu/graduate/apply](http://www.albany.edu/graduate/apply)

Student consumer information, including non-discriminatory policies, safety and security, Cleary Act, etc., can be found at [http://www.albany.edu/ir/rtk](http://www.albany.edu/ir/rtk)