



DEPARTMENT OF AFRICAN STUDIES AND ANTHROPOLOGY POSTGRADUATE OPPORTUNITIES

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African Studies at Birmingham

The Department of African Studies and Anthropology enjoys a long-standing international reputation as a centre of excellence in the study of Africa.

We integrate cutting-edge and world-leading research on Africa with distinctive inter-disciplinary teaching. Our staff are ready to share their expertise in anthropology, history, human geography, development, literature, media, popular culture and religion.

This is how we create a warm and informal atmosphere for genuinely innovative learning. Our doctoral students join us from all over the world to produce pioneering new research on Africa, across the disciplines.

Our degree programmes treat Africa as a diverse and dynamic continent, and we combine specialist knowledge of particular regions with an acute awareness of Africa's relationship to a globalising world. With us, you can learn about

Africa's long history of connections with Europe and the Islamic world, the formation and struggles of African diaspora communities in the Americas, the impact of new digital technologies on cultural and economic flows, and much more.

The department has particular strengths in social and cultural anthropology, and we put anthropology into dialogue with other academic disciplines and with developmental and humanitarian concerns.



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**OF OUR AFRICAN STUDIES
POSTGRADUATES WERE
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MONTHS OF GRADUATING***

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Programmes

- Africa and Development MA
- African Studies MA/Diploma
- Social Research (African Studies) MA
- MRes African Studies
- African Studies PhD/MA by Research (On-Campus or by Distance Learning)





STUDENT PROFILE

'The African Studies Department in Birmingham is reputable for its specialisation in West African history, politics, and societies. More importantly, the availability of a supervisor with an expertise in my area of research inspired me greatly to choose African Studies in Birmingham.'

'I have learnt a great deal from my modules on research methods while the weekly seminars offered a suitable platform to meet scholars working on a variety of topics with different research approaches which have shaped my own approach to research.'

'Above all, the quality of supervision has been phenomenal. My supervisor has been more than supportive for my research development; with her unwavering commitment and guidance, my vague research ideas have been refined into a standard dissertation topic worthy of a research degree.'

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MRes African Studies



Your career prospects

African Studies graduates develop a range of skills including oral and written communication; analysis and evaluation; problem solving; independent working; and research skills, which can be used in a variety of occupations. Our graduates pursue a variety of career paths, including lecturing and paid research.

Scholarships

Each year, the College of Arts and Law offer a number of funding opportunities for African Studies students. For more information, please visit:
www.birmingham.ac.uk/cal/funding

Your learning

Postgraduate students come to DASA from all parts of the world. As well as Africa, students also join us from places as far afield as Barbados, Brazil, India, Japan, Thailand, New Zealand, the USA, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Norway and other European countries.

We are a friendly, well integrated community. Staff and postgraduate students work together closely and discuss their research interests at regular meetings. There is also a regular programme of formal DASA seminars at which staff, postgraduate students and visiting scholars present papers and discuss their

work-in-progress. In addition, DASA hosts occasional round-table inter-disciplinary research conferences, to which our postgraduate students are invited. There is a highly regarded series of in-house publications linked to these conferences, which often include work by DASA postgraduate students.

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This leaflet was written several months in advance of the start of the academic year. It is intended to provide prospective students with a general picture of the programmes and courses offered by the School. Please note that not all programmes or all courses are offered every year. Also, because our research is constantly exploring new areas and directions of study some courses may be discontinued and new ones offered in their place.

Please note the information in this brochure is correct at time of publication but may be subject to change (November 2019).