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- African Languages and Literature, M.A. (http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/african-cultural-studies/african-languages-literature-ma)
- African Languages and Literature, Ph.D. (http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/african-cultural-studies/african-languages-literature-phd)

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