

# AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES, M.A.

## ADMISSIONS

Please consult the table below for key information about this degree program's admissions requirements. The program may have more detailed admissions requirements, which can be found below the table or on the program's website.

Graduate admissions is a two-step process between academic programs and the Graduate School. **Applicants must meet** the minimum requirements (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/>) **of the Graduate School as well as the program(s)**. Once you have researched the graduate program(s) you are interested in, apply online (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/>).

Requirements	Detail
Fall Deadline	December 15
Spring Deadline	The program does not admit in the spring.
Summer Deadline	The program does not admit in the summer.
GRE (Graduate Record Examinations)	May be required in certain cases; consult program.
English Proficiency Test	Every applicant whose native language is not English or whose undergraduate instruction was not in English must provide an English proficiency test score and meet the Graduate School minimum requirements ( <a href="https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/#english-proficiency">https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/#english-proficiency</a> ).
Other Test(s) (e.g., GMAT, MCAT)	n/a
Letters of Recommendation Required	3

The Graduate School (<https://grad.wisc.edu/>) has an extensive website where you will find information regarding admissions and how to apply (<http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/african-american-studies/african-american-studies-ma/apply.grad.wisc.edu>) online. It is very important you read all information carefully.

All applicants to our program must meet the University of Wisconsin Graduate School's admission requirements (<https://grad.wisc.edu/admissions/requirements/>)

Information regarding fellowships, tuition, housing, cost of living, etc. can be found at financial aid (<https://financialaid.wisc.edu/>).

Read the application and corresponding instructions carefully. **Only** the online application and the \$75 application fee are sent to the Graduate School. Other materials must be sent to the Department of African American Studies.

To apply to the master's program, please upload all documents to Applicant Review

- Official transcript(s) or academic records from each institution attended  
[International academic records must be in the original language accompanied by an official English translation. Documents must be issued by the school with the official seal/stamp and official signatures.]
- Reasons for Graduate Study if you did not include this with your online application to the Graduate School
- A writing sample
- Three (3) letters of recommendation (<https://grad.wisc.edu/admissions/faq/>)
- If applying, please inform the department of any home/email address changes. This is very important.

The Department of African American Studies does not currently require students to take the Graduate Record Examination (GRE), although we recommend that you do so. Students who do not take the GRE are ineligible for certain types of financial aid. Admission to the department is competitive: the minimum overall GPA required is 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. Students with a GPA above 3.3 are especially encouraged to apply. Priority will be given to students who have completed undergraduate courses in subjects related to African American history, culture, or society or who have completed an undergraduate major in one of the following fields: African American Studies; a related social science discipline; the humanities.