The political and economic power of Africa is growing. The influence of the African continent in contemporary geopolitics is unavoidable. At the same time, Africa is undergoing profound demographic, social and environmental transformations, to name a few. To study African studies is to understand and be part of these great changes!

The African and Diaspora program provides an in-depth, nuanced, and critical education on the continent’s most important states, societies, and contemporary issues. The program integrates several disciplines and fields, including political science, anthropology, education, management, and economics, while articulating a decolonial and intercultural perspective.

At the end of the program, students will be in a position to find, in an advantageous way, an international job in the private or public sectors, both of which are equally mobilized by Africa’s growing place on the international scene.

Additional information
The main strength of the program is that it is based on a partnership with several African institutions that will offer elective courses to registered students, as well as a COIL (Collaborative International Online Learning) course taught simultaneously with a colleague from an academic institution in Africa. Students are thus exposed throughout their studies to a combined training between Africanists based at the University of Ottawa and African faculty located on the continent.

As part of their training, students have the option of choosing between two streams: a political, legal and management stream, or a society and culture stream, with a common core for both options.
Your learning experience
Use this model to help you explore possibilities, guide you to success and select your academic, extracurricular, community engagement and experiential learning opportunities. Setting long-term goals, such as possible careers or graduate degrees, while you are an undergraduate can help you make short-term decisions about your learning experience. Everyone’s experience is different. **Start thinking about your future today.**

Program requirements
- High school diploma (or equivalent if you studied outside of Canada).
- Meet a minimum grade point average.
- Meet the language requirements (French or English).
- Completion of pre-requisite courses for the program.

Forth year
Take a concurrent course with African students in the COIL course, co-taught with an African partner institution. The African Studies program at the UO is one of the few to offer this opportunity to learn and work virtually with students from another institution.

First year
In your first year, you will discover the rich and multidisciplinary world of African and Diaspora Studies. Get your academic career off to a good start by visiting our academic support service at the University of Ottawa.

Second year
Choose from two exciting programs in your second year, depending on your interests: political, legal and management issues or the study of societies and cultures. The University of Ottawa is bilingual. Explore the opportunities to develop your language skills.

Third year
Gain a deeper understanding through a range of multidisciplinary elective courses taught by professors at uOttawa and African institutions, ranging from history, socio-anthropology and political science to education, law and international project management.

Forth year
Participate in the Undergraduate Research Initiation Program offered in the fourth year and beyond. This will allow you to experience research before entering graduate school and pursuing a career in research.

What can you expect to gain from this program?

**General skills**
- Analyse local, national and international realities, contexts and issues
- Apply of multidisciplinary methodologies
- Collaborate interculturally

**Specific skills**
- Apply methodologies adapted to African contexts using in-depth knowledge of the African continent, its history and diasporas
- Analyse the situated nature of knowledge about Africa, and of the broader power relations at play on the continent
- Analyse relations of domination and power inherited from the colonial past in Africa and maintained by globalization

What’s next?
- **Graduate studies**
  - International studies or business
  - Sociology-anthropology
  - Political Science
  - History-Geography
  - Education sciences
  - Law (human, international,...)
  - International management

**Potential careers**
- Analyst or consultant
- Cooperator
- Diplomat
- Policy or Program Officer
- International Manager

The African and Diaspora Studies Minor in African and Diaspora Studies
- Program languages: English and French
- Major in African and Diaspora studies
- Studies in African and Diaspora languages:
- Get involved in enriching experience and global community
- Make the most of an enriching experience
- Take the courses and get the support you need
- Take the time to start planning your future
- Meet like-minded students, widen your connections on campus and grow your passion by becoming a member of a club or student association!

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Undergraduate admission requirements
- Meet a minimum grade point average.
- High school diploma (or equivalent if you studied outside of Canada).
- International Manager
Why choose African and Diaspora Studies at uOttawa?

It means choosing a program that focuses on essential skills for an international or internationally-related career, on the acquisition of intercultural sensitivity and on the development of communication skills, including the possibility of learning a new language.

It means living in an environment where policies and diplomacy related to Africa are shaped, but also where there is one of the largest concentrations of development organizations in the country.

It is an opportunity to learn from and work with faculty from five different faculties and African institutions, making the African Studies training one of the most multidisciplinary and international in Canada.

It means taking part in a program that increases exchanges with the African continent and experiential learning opportunities.

Our experiential learning options include:

- Courses with African partners that include research components
- Research courses in Africa and around the world
- Courses with a volunteer option and civil society partnerships (Michaëlle-Jean Centre for Global and Community Engagement and Venture-Innovation Initiative)
- Co-op option
- National and international internships

Admission

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