



## So You Want to Major in AAADS?

*Great idea!* Because with a major in African American and African Diaspora Studies (AAADS), you'll strengthen your academic potential, develop new skills, and prepare yourself for a wide variety of career fields or graduate school. There are a lot of options out there for someone with a bachelor of arts in AAADS. Just take a look ...

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### What can AAADS do for me?

When you take the interdisciplinary course of study in African American and African Diaspora Studies at Indiana University, you will build a firm foundation of skills to take with you the rest of your life — through school, career, direction changes, interpersonal relationships, and all the goals and challenges you set for yourself.

You'll broaden your cultural sensitivity by

- ♦ Working with competing notions and ideas
- ♦ Understanding society through culture
- ♦ Incorporating interdisciplinary methods
- ♦ Examining the relationships among historical, economic, and political forces
- ♦ Developing appreciation for racial and class differences and perspectives

You'll hone your communication skills by

- ♦ Writing clearly
- ♦ Understanding how ideas are expressed through song, music, dance, literature, theater, and film
- ♦ Listening to others, who may have differing points of view
- ♦ Challenging conventional ideas
- ♦ Conveying ideas systematically

Your ability to research and analyze will grow as you

- ♦ Identify research topics
- ♦ Gather information

- ♦ Examine evidence
- ♦ Compare and contrast ideas and concepts
- ♦ Solve problems
- ♦ Think critically



And you'll learn to develop projects by

- ♦ Assessing needs and interests
- ♦ Generating ideas
- ♦ Identifying resources
- ♦ Translating theory into action
- ♦ Working with community groups



## What are my career opportunities in AAADS?

The skills you develop as an AAADS major will carry you a long way in any career field, but the course content that will become your knowledge base will give you the credentials to enter — and thrive in — many occupations. And you will have the breadth to make you both a desirable employee and a respected colleague. AAADS majors have found their niches in virtually every occupational field:

In business, as a

- ♦ Consultant in cross-cultural relations
- ♦ Export/import sales manager
- ♦ Staff training and development specialist
- ♦ Media buyer, public relations
- ♦ Advertising copywriter
- ♦ Bank management trainee



In the government and public sector, as a

- ♦ Congressional staff member
- ♦ Foreign-service officer
- ♦ Urban planner \*
- ♦ Affirmative action officer
- ♦ Probation officer
- ♦ Journalist



In education, as a

- ♦ Teacher
- ♦ Professor \*
- ♦ Museum curator \*
- ♦ Student services administrator \*
- ♦ Librarian \*
- ♦ Public historian \*
- ♦ School social worker \*

\* Field generally requires graduate study.

In community organizing, as a

- ♦ Lobbyist
- ♦ Administrative assistant
- ♦ Legal advisor \*
- ♦ Issues director



- ♦ Field organizer
- ♦ Fund-raising manager
- ♦ Youth program leader

And in the arts, as a

- ♦ Writer
- ♦ Dancer or choreographer
- ♦ Singer
- ♦ Music producer
- ♦ Choir director
- ♦ Music director
- ♦ Film critic
- ♦ Film editor



- ♦ Actor
- ♦ Film crew technician
- ♦ Stage technician
- ♦ Playwright
- ♦ Film director
- ♦ Sports analyst
- ♦ Poet
- ♦ Artist

You can further expand the scope of your knowledge by your choice of a minor, a double major, or an interdepartmental major. AAADS at Indiana University offers four interdepartmental majors for undergraduates who want to secure the traditional advantages of a liberal arts education along with the added depth of the African American experience. You can choose among interdepartmental majors in AAADS/English, AAADS/History, AAADS/Religious Studies, and AAADS/Sociology.

For other career possibilities and to find out about recruiting and job fairs on campus, contact a consultant at the Career Development Center at 625 N. Jordan Ave. or [www.indiana.edu/~career/](http://www.indiana.edu/~career/).



## What are my academic options?

If you, like many AAADS majors, are interested in graduate study, AAADS helps you build an excellent undergraduate foundation for professional schools, such as law, medicine, and business. It is also an extremely relevant choice if you want to enter a school of education or information science.

The occupations listed above that are marked with an asterisk (\*) generally require additional graduate study. The Indiana University

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Department of African American and African Diaspora Studies offers a graduate major at the master's level, as well as a minor at the doctoral level. (A full PhD major is in the proposal stage at present.)

Many students graduating with a BA in AAADS and wanting to pursue an academic career choose to continue at Indiana University for the MA in AAADS. In addition to the conventional MA, there are joint degree programs available in AAADS/Public and Environmental Affairs and AAADS/Library Science.

The department welcomes and encourages graduating undergraduates to apply for admission to our graduate programs. But, whatever your choice for graduate school or course of study, you can be assured that your BA in AAADS will hold you in good stead.

## What do I do next?

Preparing yourself well for your career or for graduate school can be a satisfying journey during the course of your undergraduate work. Talk with your professors, with the undergraduate advisor — or even with the graduate advisor — to find out what classes, minors, or electives might be advantageous in pursuing your goals.

Call or visit the department, arrange to see the AAADS undergraduate advisor, and declare your major in African American and African Diaspora Studies. You'll find yourself part of a growing, scholarly field that feels like family, with careful academic guidance, internship opportunities, and an array of campus resources to enhance your undergraduate experience as an AAADS major.

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