

Joint Honours

AFRICAN STUDIES

| First Year/Level C | Second Year/Level I | Third Year/Level H |
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| <p>Focus on Studying Societies 20 credits <i>Essays and group presentation</i> (Small Group Teaching, including a one-to-one)</p> | <p>Either</p> <p>Perspectives on Africa 20 credits <i>Group presentation, reports and dissertation proposal</i> (Small Group Teaching, including a one-to-one)</p> <p>(Please note: Only students who take the Perspectives on Africa module in Year 2 will be allowed to write a dissertation in the Department of African Studies and Anthropology in their final year.)</p> <p>and</p> <p>Option Choose 40 credits of Department of African Studies and Anthropology modules <i>Assessment variable</i></p> | <p>Either</p> <p>Dissertation 40 credits <i>10,000 word dissertation</i> (one-to-one sessions with a supervisor and workshops with other students, if the Perspectives on Africa module has been taken in Year 2)</p> <p>and</p> <p>Option Choose 20 credits of Department of African Studies and Anthropology modules <i>Assessment Variable</i></p> |
| <p>Option Choose 40 credits of Department of African Studies and Anthropology modules <i>Assessment Variable</i></p> | <p>Or</p> <p>Option Choose 60 credits of Department of African Studies and Anthropology modules <i>Assessment Variable</i></p> | <p>Or</p> <p>Independent Study 20 credits <i>5,000 word project</i> (one-to-one sessions with a supervisor and workshops with other students)</p> <p>and</p> <p>Option Choose 40 credits of Department of African Studies and Anthropology modules <i>Assessment Variable</i></p> |

We are happy to answer any questions about the Joint Honours African Studies programme at Birmingham. Please address your enquiries to:

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Introduction: The Joint Honours African Studies degree programme at Birmingham is broad, combining arts and social sciences approaches. The Department of African Studies and Anthropology within the School of History and Cultures is a small, friendly community of undergraduates, postgraduates, visiting scholars and staff.

How many contact hours will I have per week? This will vary from year to year and from module to module. All our programmes are designed to enable a student to progress from being a dependent to an independent learner. Furthermore, each of our modules has its own learning outcomes and these can involve very different teaching methods.

What choice will I have in what I study? All our programmes have their compulsory core modules which give them their cohesion and distinctiveness. However, choice is always present; different option modules are available in all three years of the programme. You are also free to choose a subject for your dissertation in consultation with a member of our teaching staff.

How will my work be assessed? Our modules are made up of a combination of mostly lectures and tutorials, but with occasional student workshops, debates and presentations. You will be expected to devote at least as much time to private study as to attending formal lectures and tutorials. There are unseen examinations in some modules.

What can I do with a degree in African Studies? Let's give you some other examples of the career paths of recent African Studies graduates:

- Bank management
- Teaching
- Civil service (admin grades)
- Foreign Office
- Retail management
- Aid work with Save the Children
- Probation work
- Welfare rights worker
- Computer programmer
- NGO work in Kurdistan
- Work with adults who have learning disabilities
- Research with Amnesty International
- Officer in the Parachute Regiment
- EFL teaching
- BBC Radio producer
- BBC World Service correspondent

Recent African Studies graduates have also gone on to postgraduate work either in African Studies or in other fields like Development Studies, Anthropology, Systems Analysis, Education, and Political Science.

Please note further details about this programme, including module outlines and admissions advice, can be found at Undergraduate Study:-

www.birmingham.ac.uk/dasa

Please remember that this pamphlet is produced as an informal guide to the Joint Honours African Studies programme. Details are subject to change and the information it contains is liable to alter without notice. In particular, the range of choices for options may vary in the light of staff changes from year to year.