

African and African Diaspora Studies (Doctoral Portfolio Program)

Code	Title	Hours
All students must also follow the requirements and policies below:		
Graduate Liberal Arts Requirements		
Graduate University Requirements		

The program engages students in an advanced approach to interdisciplinary studies and provides tools for mapping of the intellectual, political, and creative breadth of African and African Diaspora Studies. Students in the program sustain a rigorous dialogue about African and African Diaspora Studies from an interdisciplinary methodological standpoint, become familiar with the diversity of faculty specialties within African and African Diaspora Studies, and are instructed in the application of the theoretical and conceptual tools of analysis and research on African-descended peoples.

Graduate Handbook

Graduate handbook information is updated and maintained by each program. Graduate handbooks are available within each program's office and [online](#). Please contact the program with concerns or questions.

Admission

University of Texas at Austin doctoral students enrolled in other departments who are interested in African and African Diaspora Studies are invited to apply to the AADS Doctoral Portfolio Program. Although students can enter the African and African Diaspora Studies Portfolio Program at any point in their doctoral work, it is recommended that they apply for the portfolio as soon as possible.

Applicants to the portfolio program must submit a research statement along with their application. This statement will help the AADS Portfolio Administrator guide the student in the completion of coursework.

Application and additional information is available [here](#).

Total Hours Required: 12

Requirements

The certification requirements for the doctoral portfolio program differ from the requirements for graduate degrees and should be undertaken only with the approval of the student's supervising advisor and the student's departmental graduate advisor. With the consent of a graduate student's home department, courses used to satisfy portfolio requirements may be included in the program of work for the doctoral degree. Applicants must be in good standing in an approved doctoral program, maintain a grade point average of 3.3 or better, and receive approval to join the portfolio program from their faculty advisor, their department's graduate advisor, and the African and African Diaspora Studies Portfolio Steering Committee. Although students can enter the African and African Diaspora Studies Portfolio Program at any point in their doctoral work, it is recommended that they complete the portfolio requirements before being admitted to candidacy. All portfolio students are required to:

- Complete 12 hours of graduate-level AFR coursework
- Present their research to an open audience in the spring semester before they graduate.
- Attend at least one AADS Doctoral Portfolio presentation prior to conducting their own.