

Department of African American Studies



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Doctoral Program



Overview

As an interdisciplinary graduate program, the African American Studies (AAS) Ph.D. Program—the first program of its kind in the U.S. Southeast—is a highly selective course of study combining the expertise of an esteemed group of more than 50 [core](#) and [affiliated graduate faculty](#) with research specializations in disciplinary and interdisciplinary fields such as African & African American Studies, Anthropology, English, History, Music, Political Science, Religious Studies, Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies and many more. The program provides rigorous training and preparation for Ph.D. students interested in careers within and outside of academe.

Cognate Fields

- **Gender & Sexuality** - This area of study focuses on how gender and sexuality intersect with race to shape social understandings of personhood.
- **Social Justice & Social Movements** - This area will provide in-depth analyses of the individual, collective and organizational efforts of African Americans to resist structural racism and inequality.
- **Expressive Arts & Culture** - This field explores the significant contributions, conditions, and influences of African American Expressive Arts and Cultures within local, regional, national, and global contexts.



Program Details

Beginning with the first AAS Ph.D. cohort in Fall 2023, we expect to enroll four new Ph.D. students each year. We also anticipate that each student will complete the degree within five to six years. All Ph.D. students are fully funded for five years with an annual stipend of at least \$31,000, a tuition remission, and health insurance. Though each student is guaranteed funding and support for five years, funding for a sixth year—if needed—will be possible.



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