



African Studies Centers – The First Inventory

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African Studies centers are knowledge producers about Africa and its diaspora communities. The disciplines within them provide strategic guidance and coordination for Africa-related education, research, publishing practices and training activities, and promote opportunities for collaboration with African partners. Common areas studied by such centers include but are not limited to the politics, language, history, archaeology and economics of Africa. But who is doing research – academic and otherwise – on Africa and its diaspora? It can be difficult to keep track of who is doing what and where and thus centers may have limited visibility to their potential correspondents. Filling the gap is this work.

As a compilation of African Studies centers, it is intended to help those who seek opportunities (scholarships, fellowships, conferences, study positions, research grants and job opportunities) and to promote cooperation. The researcher compiled information primarily from Google searches using keywords including “African Studies”, “African Studies Center”, “Africology” and “African and Oriental Studies”. Almost 150 globally recognised African Studies centers were found at different universities and research institutions. Despite efforts to include all centers, the current list does not claim to be complete and the author (who seeks to undertake a PhD program in a center) welcomes feedback from readers on entities that would have been worth listing.

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Americas (USA, Canada, Central America)

African Studies Center, Boston University

<https://www.bu.edu/africa/forstudents/graduate/>

Africana Studies Department, University of Massachusetts, Boston

<https://www.umb.edu/academics/cla/africana>

Department of Afro-American Studies, University of Massachusetts Amherst

<https://www.umass.edu/afroam/web-du-bois-department-afro-american-studies>

African Studies Certificate Program, Five Colleges

<https://www.fivecolleges.edu/academics/african-studies>

Department of African and African American Studies, Harvard University

<https://aaas.fas.harvard.edu/graduate-program>

Department of Africana Studies, University at Albany

<https://www.albany.edu/africana>

Africana Studies, Binghamton University

<https://www.binghamton.edu/africana/>

Africana Studies Program, New York University

<https://as.nyu.edu/africanastudies.html>

Center for the Study of Africa and the African Diaspora, New York

University <https://csaad.nyu.edu/>

Institute of African American Affairs, New York University

<https://nyuiaaa.org/>

African Studies, City University of New York

<https://www.qc.cuny.edu/academics/africana-studies/>

Black Studies Program, City University of New York

<https://www.ccnycuny.edu/blackstudies>

Institute of African Studies, Columbia University

<https://www.ias.columbia.edu/>

African American Studies, Syracuse University

<https://thecollege.syr.edu/african-american-studies/>

African Studies Program, Central Connecticut State University

<https://web.ccsu.edu/afstudy/>

African Studies, Rutgers University

<https://ruafrica.rutgers.edu/>

African Studies Program, Johns Hopkins University

<https://www.sais-jhu.edu/content/african-studies#overview>



- Center for African Studies, Stanford University
<https://africanstudies.stanford.edu/>
- African Studies, St. Lawrence University
<https://www.stlawu.edu/african-studies>
- African Studies, Wesleyan University
<https://www.wesleyan.edu/africanstudies/#>
- African Studies, Columbia University
<https://www.ias.columbia.edu/>
- African Studies Center, Cornell University
<https://africana.cornell.edu/>
- Center Council on African Studies, Yale University
<https://african.macmillan.yale.edu/>
- African American Studies, Princeton University
<https://aas.princeton.edu/about>
- African Studies at Princeton University
<https://www.princeton.edu/academics/area-of-study/african-studies>
- Africana Studies Center, New Jersey City University
<https://www.njcu.edu/university-centers/lee-hagan-africana-studies-center>
- African and African American Studies, Dartmouth College
<https://aaas.dartmouth.edu/>
- Department of Africana Studies, Brown University
<https://www.brown.edu/academics/gradschool/programs/africana-studies-0>
- Africana Studies Department, Franklin & Marshall College
<https://www.fandm.edu/africana-studies>
- African Studies Program, University of Pittsburgh
<https://www.ucis.pitt.edu/africa/node/1>
- Center for African Studies, Duquesne University
<https://www.duq.edu/about/centers-and-institutes/center-for-african-studies>
- Africology and African American Studies, Temple University
<https://liberalarts.temple.edu/academics/departments-and-programs/africology-and-african-american-studies/blockson-collection>
- Center for Africana Studies, University of Pennsylvania
<https://africana.sas.upenn.edu/center>



- African Studies Program, Pennsylvania State University
<http://polisci.la.psu.edu/>
- African Studies, Ohio University
<https://www.ohio.edu/cis/african>
- Pan African Studies Program, University of Akron
<https://www.uakron.edu/pan-african/>
- Africana Studies, University of Cincinnati
<https://www.artsci.uc.edu/departments/africana-studies.html>
- Africana Studies, University of Toledo
<https://www.utoledo.edu/programs/undergrad/Africana-Studies>
- African Studies Center, University of Michigan
<https://ii.umich.edu/asc>
- African Studies Center, Michigan State University
<https://africa.isp.msu.edu/graduate-studies/graduate-academic-programs/>
- Program of African Studies, Northwestern University
<https://www.africanstudies.northwestern.edu/>
- African Studies, University of Chicago
<https://africanstudies.uchicago.edu/>
- African American Studies, Purdue University
<https://www.cla.purdue.edu/academic/sis/p/african-american/index.html>
- African Studies, Indiana University
<http://www.indiana.edu/~afrist/home/>
- African Studies Program, University of Wisconsin
<https://africa.wisc.edu/>
- African Studies Program, University of Iowa
<https://guides.lib.uiowa.edu/africanstudies>
- Center for African Studies, University of Illinois
<http://www.afrst.illinois.edu/>
- African Studies Program, Georgetown University
<https://africanstudies.georgetown.edu/>
- Institute for African Studies, George Washington University
<https://iafs.elliott.gwu.edu/about/>
- Africa Program, Council on Foreign Relations
<https://www.cfr.org/programs/africa-program>



Department of African Studies, Howard University
<https://africanstudies.howard.edu/>

Institute for Afro-American and American Studies, University of Virginia
<https://woodson.as.virginia.edu/>

African and African-American Studies, Duke University
<https://aaas.duke.edu/>

African Studies, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
<http://africa.unc.edu/>

African, African American and Diaspora Studies, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
<https://aaad.unc.edu/>

African Studies Institute, University of Georgia
<https://afrstu.uga.edu/>

Institute of African Studies, Emory University
<http://www.ias.emory.edu/home/>

African and African Diaspora Studies Program, Florida International University
<https://africana.fiu.edu/about-us/>

Center for African Studies, University of Florida
<http://africa.ufl.edu/academics-programs/graduate-studies/>

African Studies, Gustavus Adolphus College
<https://gustavus.edu/africanstudies/>

African American and African Studies, University of Minnesota
<https://cla.umn.edu/aaas>

Africana Studies Department, Wayne State University
<https://clas.wayne.edu/afamstudies>

Pan-African Studies, University of Louisville
<http://louisville.edu/panafricanstudies>

Center for African and African American Studies, Rice University
<https://caaas.rice.edu/>

Africana Studies, Texas A&M University
<https://liberalarts.tamu.edu/afst/>

Center for African and African-American Studies, University of Texas at Austin.
<https://liberalarts.utexas.edu/aads/index.php>

African Studies Center, Kansas University
<https://kasc.ku.edu/>

African and African-American Studies, Kansas University
<https://afs.ku.edu/>

Department of African and African American Studies, Washington University in St. Louis
<https://afas.wustl.edu/>



- African Studies Institute, University of Oklahoma
http://www.ou.edu/cis/sponsored_programs/african-studies-institute
- African Studies center, Arkansas University
<https://fulbright.uark.edu/area-studies/african-and-african-american-studies/index.php>
- Black Studies, Nebraska University
<https://www.unomaha.edu/college-of-arts-and-sciences/black-studies/>
- Africana Studies Program, University of Arizona
<https://africana.arizona.edu/>
- Africana Studies Program at the University of New Mexico
<https://africanastudies.unm.edu/>
- Center for African and African American Studies, University of Colorado
<https://www.colorado.edu/center/caaas/resources>
- African American Studies, Loyola Marymount University
<https://admission.lmu.edu/about/academics/majors/africanamericanstudies/>
- Africana Studies, San Diego State University
<https://africana.sdsu.edu/our-faculty/toombs>
- African Studies Center, University of California Los Angeles
<https://www.international.ucla.edu/africa>
- Department of African American Studies, University of California Los Angeles
<https://afam.ucla.edu/>
- African American Studies, University of California Irvine
catalogue.uci.edu/schoolofhumanities/departmentofafricanamericanstudies/
- Center for African Studies, University of California Berkeley
<https://africa.berkeley.edu/>
- Institute of African Studies, Carleton University, Canada
<https://carleton.ca/africanstudies/>
- Center for African Studies, Dalhousie University, Canada
<https://www.dal.ca/academics/programs/undergraduate/black-african-diaspora.html>
- African Studies Program, University of Toronto, Canada
<http://www.newcollege.utoronto.ca/academics/new-college-academic-programs/african-studies/>



African Studies Program, McGill University, Canada

<https://www.mcgill.ca/isid/undergraduate/afri>

African Studies, University of Calgary, Canada

<https://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/african-studies.html>

Middle Eastern and African Studies, University of Alberta, Canada

<https://apps.ualberta.ca/catalogue/course/meas>

Institute of African and Diaspora Studies, University of West Indies, Jamaica

<https://www.uwi.edu/globalsystem.php#parentVerticalTab3>

Europe

African Studies, University of Cologne, Germany

<https://afrikanistik.phil-fak.uni-koeln.de/en/research/research>

Center for Interdisciplinary African Studies, Goethe University Frankfurt,

Germany [www.goethe-university-](http://www.goethe-university-frankfurt.de/50798396/Zentrum_fur_Interdisziplinare_Afrikaforschung_ZIAF)

[frankfurt.de/50798396/Zentrum_fur_Interdisziplinare_](http://www.goethe-university-frankfurt.de/50798396/Zentrum_fur_Interdisziplinare_Afrikaforschung_ZIAF)

[Afrikaforschung_ZIAF](http://www.goethe-university-frankfurt.de/50798396/Zentrum_fur_Interdisziplinare_Afrikaforschung_ZIAF)

African Studies, Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz, Germany

<https://www.blogs.uni-mainz.de/fb07-ifeas-eng/>

Institute for African Affairs, German Institute of Global and Area Studies,

Germany [https://www.giga-hamburg.de/en/the-giga/institutes/giga-](https://www.giga-hamburg.de/en/the-giga/institutes/giga-institute-for-african-affairs)

[institute-for-african-affairs](https://www.giga-hamburg.de/en/the-giga/institutes/giga-institute-for-african-affairs)

Institute of Asian and African Studies, Humboldt-University, Germany

<https://www.iaaw.hu-berlin.de/en>

African Studies, Leipzig University, Germany

<http://afrikanistik.gko.uni-leipzig.de/index.php/en/institut-en>

Graduate School of African Studies, Bayreuth University, Germany

<https://www.bigsas.uni-bayreuth.de/en/index.html>

Africa Center for Transregional Research, Albert Ludwig University of

Freiburg, Germany <https://act.uni-freiburg.de/en>

Asia-Africa Institute, Hamburg University, Germany

<https://www.aai.uni-hamburg.de/>

School of African and Oriental Studies, University of London, UK.

<https://www.soas.ac.uk/cas/>

Center for African Studies, Oxford University, UK

<https://www.africanstudies.ox.ac.uk>



- Department of African Studies and Anthropology, Univ. of Birmingham, UK
<https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/historycultures/departments/dasa/index.aspx>
- African Studies, University of Birmingham, UK
<https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/courses/research/cwas/african-studies.aspx>
- Center for African Studies, University of Cambridge, UK
<https://www.african.cam.ac.uk/>
- African Studies Center, Coventry University, United Kingdom
<https://www.coventry.ac.uk/international-students-hub/partnerships-and-places-to-study/africa-centre/>
- African Studies, University of Sussex, UK
<https://www.sussex.ac.uk/study/phd/degrees/global-studies/african-studies>
- Center for African Studies, University of Leeds, UK
<https://lucas.leeds.ac.uk/>
- University of Edinburgh, Center of African Studies, UK
<https://www.sps.ed.ac.uk/centre-african-studies>
- African Languages Research, University of Gothenburg, Sweden
<https://www.gu.se/en/languages/african-languages-research>
- Nordic Africa Institute, Uppsala University, Sweden
<https://nai.uu.se/about/job/index.xml>
- Forum for Africa Studies, Uppsala University, Sweden
<http://www.afrikastudier.uu.se/en/>
- African Studies, Dalarna University, Sweden
<https://www.du.se/en/study-at-du/programmes-courses-and-course-packages/programmes/one-year-master-programme-in-african-studies/>
- Institute of African Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences, Russia
<http://www.inafran.ru/en/>
- Institute of Asia and African Studies, Lomonosov Moscow State University, Russia
<http://www.iaas.msu.ru>
- Department of African Studies, St. Petersburg University, Russia
<https://www.orient.spbu.ru/en/>
- African Studies, University of Copenhagen, Denmark
<https://studies.ku.dk/masters/african-studies/>



- African Studies, Aarhus University, Denmark
<http://talent.au.dk/da/phd/doctoralexcellence/joint-phd-pilot-program/african-studies/>
- Center of African Studies, University of Copenhagen, Denmark
<https://teol.ku.dk/cas/>
- Center for African Studies Basel, University of Basel, Switzerland
<https://zasb.unibas.ch/en/>
- African Studies Center, ETH Zurich, Switzerland
<http://www.css.ethz.ch/en/services/css-partners/partner.html/88081>
- African Studies Centre, University of Lisbon, Portugal
<https://www.iscte-iul.pt/course/42/phd-program-in-african-studies>
- Center for African Studies, University of Porto, Portugal
https://sigarra.up.pt/flup/en/uni_geral.unidade_view?pv_unidade=659
- Faculty of Oriental Studies, University of Warsaw, Poland
<http://orient.uw.edu.pl/faculty-of-oriental-studies-university-of-warsaw/>
- Center for African Studies, Jagiellonian University, Poland
https://en.uj.edu.pl/en_GB/about-university/faculties-and-other-units/university-wide-units/centre-for-african-studies
- African Studies, University of Vienna, Austria
<https://afrika.univie.ac.at/en/>
- African Studies, Ghent University, Belgium
<https://www.africanstudies.ugent.be/en/programme/>
- Center for African Studies, Charles University, Czech
<https://cuni.cz/UKEN-1049.html>
- Asian and African Studies, Slovakia Slovak Academy of Science, Slovakia
<https://orient.sav.sk/en/asian-and-african-studies/>
- African Studies Norwegian University of Sciences and Technology, Norway
<https://www.ntnu.edu/studies/aaifr>
- African Studies Center, Leiden University, The Netherlands
<https://www.ascleiden.nl/>

Africa & Mid-East / West Asia

- African Studies Programs, University of Free State, South Africa
<https://www.ufs.ac.za/humanities/departments-and-divisions/centre-for-gender-and-africa-studies-home/academic-information/africa-studies-programme>



- Department of African Languages, University of Venda, South Africa
<https://www.univen.ac.za/faculties/humanities-social-science-and-education/department-of-african-languages/>
- Center for African Studies, University of Cape Town, South Africa
<http://www.africanstudies.uct.ac.za/cas/about>
- African Language Studies Department, University of the Western Cape, South Africa
<https://www.uwc.ac.za/study/all-areas-of-study/departments/department-of-african-language-studies/overview>
- Center for Africa and International Studies, University of Cape Coast, Ghana
<https://cais.ucc.edu.gh/>
- Institute of African Studies, University of Ghana, Ghana
<https://ias.ug.edu.gh/>
- Institute of African Studies, University of Ibadan, Nigeria
<https://ias-ibadan.org/>
- Institute of African and Diaspora Studies, Lagos University, Nigeria
<https://iads.unilag.edu.ng/>
- Dept Anthropology, Gender and African Studies, Nairobi, Kenya
<https://african-studies.uonbi.ac.ke/>
- African Studies, Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia
<http://www.aau.edu.et/css/academics/african-studies/programs-in-african-studies>
- Institute of African Studies and Research, Cairo University, Egypt
<http://african.cu.edu.eg/>
- African Studies, New York University Abu Dhabi, Abu Dhabi
<https://nyuad.nyu.edu/en/academics/divisions/arts-and-humanities/academic-programs/african-studies.html>
- Africa Research Program, Tel-Aviv University, Israel
<https://dayan.org/content/africa-research-program-arp>
- African Studies, Israel Open University, Israel
<https://www-e.openu.ac.il/programs/G325.html>
- African Studies Program, Ben-Gurion University, Israel
<https://in.bgu.ac.il/en/humsos/Pages/african-studies.aspx>
- Department of African Studies, University of Ankara, Turkey
<https://www.ankara.edu.tr/en/dizin/merkezler/afrika-calismalari-arastirma-ve-uygulama-merkezi/>



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- School of Asian and African Studies Shanghai International Studies
University, China <http://www.saas.shisu.edu.cn/>
Center for African Studies, Peking University, China
<https://caspu.pku.edu.cn/en/aboutus/>
School of Asian and African Studies, Beijing Foreign Studies University,
China <http://global.bfsu.edu.cn/en/school-of-asian-and-african-studies/>
Department of African Studies, University of Delhi, India
<http://www.du.ac.in/du/index.php?page=african-studies>
Center for African Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India
<https://www.jnu.ac.in/sis/cas>
Center for African Studies, University of Mumbai, India
<https://mu.ac.in/departement-of-african-studies>
African Studies Center, Tokyo University, Japan
<http://www.tufs.ac.jp/asc/english/about/ascintroduction.html>
African Studies, Kyoto University, Japan
<https://www.africa.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/>
Institute of African Studies, Hankuk University of Foreign Studies, South
Korea <https://hufsenglish.hufs.ac.kr/>
African Studies Group, University of Melbourne, Australia
<https://africanstudiesgroup.com.au/>
Africa Research Group Murdoch University, Australia
<http://www.murdoch.edu.au/Africa-Research-Group/>
African Studies Association of Australasia and the Pacific, Australia
www.afsaap.org.au
ANU Africa Network, Australia
<https://africanetwork.weblogs.anu.edu.au/>