



# Why **MSU** for graduate study of **Africa?**



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## Breadth of faculty

Twelve colleges and 45 departments across the MSU campus are home to more than 150 Africa-specialist faculty in such fields as agriculture, the social sciences, arts and humanities, communication, education, health and medicine, and the sciences.

## Ph.D. and M.A. capacity

Graduate students at MSU produced more dissertations on Africa than any other U.S. university from 1988 to 2004, especially in anthropology, history, economics and agricultural economics, geography, sociology, political science, education, linguistics and languages, and natural science.

## Depth of Africa focus

MSU is uniquely focused on Africa. In 2004–05, more than half of all MSU's international research and development projects were in Africa.

## Library resources

MSU offers one of the three largest Africana libraries in the United States with more than 240,000 volumes and two full-time Africana librarians. The collection supports doctoral research in all disciplines for all countries of Sub-Saharan Africa.

## African languages offered

The African Language Program offers up to 30 languages to meet the needs of each graduate student's research plans. Nine to 12 African languages have been taught annually at MSU during the past five years, enabling MSU students to conduct predissertation or dissertation research in 20 African countries: Congo Republic, Egypt, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, Niger, Senegal, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

## Options for study

Graduate students may enter programs leading to a Ph.D. graduate certificate or an M.A./M.S. concentration in African studies while pursuing a departmental major in:

- **Social Science** (anthropology, economics and agricultural economics, geography, history, political science, psychology, sociology, criminal justice, labor and industrial relations, social work, and urban and regional planning)
- **Arts and Letters** (languages, linguistics, literature and film, music, philosophy, and religion)
- **Professional colleges** (Agriculture and Natural Resources; Business; Education; Human, Osteopathic, and Veterinary medicine; Communication Arts and Sciences; Human Ecology; and Law)
- **Natural Science**

## Careers in Africa and African Studies

MSU African Studies graduates have secured positions in leading research universities, liberal arts colleges, academic African studies centers, government agencies such as the U.S. State Department and USAID, African governments, Africa-focused nongovernmental organizations, and the private sector. MSU graduates are found in the U.S. foreign service and as ambassadors, as well as in leadership in United Nations organizations such as UNESCO, WHO, FAO, ILO, and UNDP, and in other development-focused agencies.

## Fellowships for graduate students

MSU graduate students studying Africa receive approximately \$2.3 million each year in support from MSU fellowships, research grants, and teaching and research assistantships. They have competed successfully for prestigious graduate dissertation and predissertation fellowships from Fulbright, Fulbright-Hays, MSU-Compton Africa Peace Program, Social Science Research Council, Wenner-Gren, National Science Foundation, National Institutes of Health, and others.

### Title VI Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships

Applications are due in mid-February for the Title VI FLAS Fellowships, which offer \$27,000 for tuition, fees, and a stipend for an academic year, and \$6,500 for Summer FLAS Fellowships for Intensive African Language Study. For details and applications, visit [www.africa.msu.edu/FLAS](http://www.africa.msu.edu/FLAS) or contact Yacob Fisseha, assistant director, African Studies Center, at [fisseha@msu.edu](mailto:fisseha@msu.edu).

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