

KU GLOBAL CONNECTIONS: AFRICA

The following highlights KU research and teaching on the continent.

STUDENTS & ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

During Fall 2015, KU enrolled **74 students** from **20 African countries** and hosted **five visiting researchers** from African nations as well.

The Department of African and African-American Studies offers the following academic options:

- Specialized language instruction in Amharic, Arabic, Hausa, Kiswahili, Somali, and Wolof. The study of other African languages may be arranged.

- [Foreign Language & Area Studies \(FLAS\) Fellowships](#)

- Undergraduate study with either a minor or a major concentration in African Studies, African and African-American Studies, or Arabic and Islamic Studies

- M.A. program in African & African-American Studies

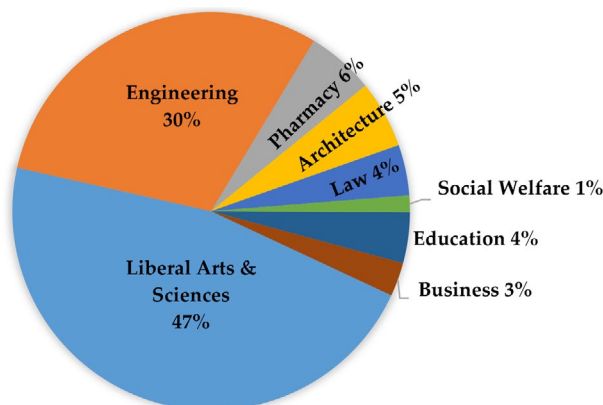
- Graduate Certificate in African Studies

FACULTY ENGAGEMENT IN AFRICA

KU faculty teach and/or conduct research on Africa and collaborate in the region on a wide range of areas. Africanists are highlighted below.

[Cécile Accilien](#), African & African-American Studies ▪ [Glenn Adams](#), Psychology ▪ [Shawn Alexander](#), African & African-American Studies ▪ [Elizabeth Asiedu](#), Economics ▪ [Raj Bhala](#), Law ▪ [Anthony Bolden](#), African & African-American Studies ▪ [Naima Boussofara](#), African & African-American Studies ▪ [Hannah Britton](#), Political Science, Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies ▪ [Marie Grace Brown](#), History ▪ [Byron Caminero-Santangelo](#), English, Environmental Studies ▪ [Abel Chikanda](#), Geography and Atmospheric Science, African & African-American Studies ▪ [Mohamed El-Hodiri](#), Economics ▪ [Jessica Gerschultz](#), African & African-American Studies ▪ [Sandra Gray](#), Anthropology ▪ [Jennifer Hamer](#), American Studies, African & African-American Studies ▪ [Majid Hannoum](#), Anthropology ▪ [Mickey Imber](#), Educational Leadership & Policy Studies ▪ [Randal Jelks](#), American Studies, African & African-American Studies ▪ [Van Kelly](#), French & Italian ▪ [Clarence Lang](#), African & African-American Studies,

African Students by Major



INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

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The [Kansas African Studies Center](#) (KASC) is the premier resource for African Studies in the region. Founded in 1992, the Center bridges interdisciplinary interests of Africanists across KU and promotes the understanding of Africa on campus, in the region, and beyond.

Research focus areas include Arabic and Islamic Studies, East African languages and cultures, Anglophone, Francophone, and Lusophone studies, and Central and Southern African studies.

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African languages regularly taught at KU

17

Academic units conduct research on Africa

85,000

Items in KU Libraries' African Collection

\$990,000

Over four years in support of Foreign Language & Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships for KU students

American Studies ▪ [Beverly Mack](#), African & African-American Studies ▪ [Elizabeth MacGonagle](#), History and African & African-American Studies ▪ [Carlos Nash](#), Anthropology ▪ [Ebenezer Obadare](#), Sociology ▪ [Peter Ojiambo](#), African & African-American Studies ▪ [Musa Olaka](#), University Libraries ▪ [Dorothy Pennington](#), African & African-American Studies, Communication Studies ▪ [Katie Rhine](#), Anthropology ▪ [Peter Ukpokodu](#), African & African-American Studies

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STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS

KU students engage in comparative academic studies, receive practical training, and visit sites of academic and cultural relevance in Africa. In addition to these, Study Abroad offers various other programs in Africa.

[Business Practices in South Africa](#) (Faculty-led Summer)

[Arabic Studies in Ifrane, Morocco](#) (Summer)

AGREEMENTS

Saint Yarek Hospital, Addis Ababa ▪ University for Development Studies, Tamale ▪ University of Ilorin ▪ University of Maiduguri ▪ Université Gaston Berger, Saint-Louis

RESOURCES

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[Department of African & African-American Studies](#)

[African Students Association](#) ▪ [African Drum Ensemble](#) ▪ [Africana Club](#)

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African students are among those who participate in the Festival of Nations at KU. International students showcase their culture through singing, dancing, and leading informational sessions at the annual event.

In 2014, the Kansas African Studies Center (KASC) received a four-year \$999,000 federal award to support KU students studying six less commonly taught African languages. The [Foreign Language & Area Studies \(FLAS\) Fellowships](#) focus on Amharic, Arabic, Hausa, Kiswahili, Somali, and Wolof.

KASC awarded 19 FLAS Fellowships for the summer of 2015 and the following academic year. Some recipients studied at the 2015 Summer African Language Institute at KU. Others traveled to Africa for immersion programs.

“Without the FLAS, I would not have had the opportunity to partake in this life-changing experience,” said Isaac Gwin, who studied Arabic in Morocco. “I now have a strong foundation in a language that will further my career. FLAS helped make my dream a reality.”

The fellowships have helped to produce KU graduates who are distinguished foreign language and area studies experts with knowledge that enriches government, business, and higher education.