



Universität
Basel

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Master's program African Studies



Why African Studies?

- Study Africa in order to understand the world.
- De-center your perspective and challenge common assumptions in Academia.
- Learn to define problems before searching for solutions.
- Acquire theoretical knowledge and methodological skills across a select range of social and natural science disciplines that allows you to understand the complex links between natural, social, cultural, political and historical factors in Africa and to apply these skills in basic or applied research.
- Study in an international environment meeting with students from all over the world.
- Practice to read, understand, revise and write English scientific texts and express yourself in the English language on an academic level.

Program Structure

Introduction to Interdisciplinary African Studies

Basics (5/7)

Environment

Sociology

History

Politics

Epidemiology

Social Anthropology

Religion

Fields (2/5)

Media and Imagination

Knowledge Production and Transfer

Governance and Politics

Environment and Development

Public Health and Social Life

Interdisciplinary and Applied African Studies

Research Skills

Master thesis and oral exams

Testimonials

African realities speaking to the world

“An MA in African Studies makes you understand the continent on its own terms, allows you to explore African realities that speak to the whole world.”

(Henri-Michel Yéré, postdoc)



Diverse and inspiring

“This program offers a broad choice of courses with many institutions working together. It was particularly inspiring to be with students from all over the world.”

(Caro van Leeuwen, graphic reporter)

Career perspectives

The competencies acquired in the Master program and your individual study portfolio provide a sound basis for a number of professional fields. Our graduates can be found in

- development cooperation and consultancy;
- intercultural mediation, migration, integration and social work;
- media, public relations and journalism;
- museums, archives and independent curating;
- tourism;
- public health sector;
- environmental agencies;
- corporate sector and
- diplomacy and politics.

Why study in Basel?

Founded in 2001, the Centre for African Studies Basel is the first of its kind in Switzerland.

It offers a Master and a PhD in African Studies as consecutive university degrees, as well as a continuing education program for professionals.

The Centre draws on a long tradition of scientific engagement with Africa in the region of Basel and benefits from a unique concentration of institutions and organizations with relation to Africa.

Basel is the home of major archives of importance for African Studies, to which students have access and which provide an excellent basis for research.

Besides its academic activities the Centre reaches out to the public with publications and events for a wider audience and by promoting public and cultural events through its website and newsletter, thereby fostering a vibrant community.



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Join our Zoom session
on 21 March, 12:30 – 13:30

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