

African American Studies, BA

Learning Outcomes

Students will:

- understand basic facts, principles, key figures, and events related to African American experience in American society, plus recognize the significant contributions of African Americans in the United States and abroad;
- become familiar with the foundations of the discipline of African American studies and the development of the field, specifically conceptual ideas that shape the academic study of African American life;
- acquire the tools for contextualizing and understanding the intersectionality of race, class, gender, and/or sexual orientation in an effort to identify relevant challenges and solve human problems related to the African American community;
- learn to critically analyze cultural issues shaping the lives and conditions of African Americans through curriculum, community service, and service learning as they confirm the value of diversity in the 21st century; and
- be prepared for potential careers or postbaccalaureate work in African American studies and related fields through the development of skills in critical thinking, oral and written communication, and research.