

COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES



“Africana” encompasses peoples of Africa, the Caribbean, North and South America, Europe, the Middle East and anywhere peoples of African descent reside. Africana Studies is devoted to study, research, interpretation and dissemination of the theoretical, historical, literary, and artistic developments on the continent of Africa and in the African Diaspora, past and present. We are committed to rigorous and systematic scholarship from faculty and students, plus civic engagement that links campus and community. Studies offer both a major and a minor, plus the secondary teaching emphasis in social studies.

Africana Studies is interdisciplinary and cross-disciplinary, embracing anthropology, art, economics, history, religion, literature, psychology, music, criminal justice, biological sciences, geography, women’s studies, communications, modern languages, political science, and many other areas. Africana Studies expects its students to develop the critical and analytical skills necessary to broaden their perspectives in order to understand the diverse and complex world.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- UNC’s Africana Studies program is one of the oldest in the United States.
- Africana Studies provides a solid liberal arts education that prepares students for graduate school and other job-related areas.
- Graduates have gone on to careers in law, international relations, library science, K-12 teaching, higher education, and many other areas.
- Africana Studies Secondary Teaching Emphasis trains students to become licensed social science teachers in the middle school and high school levels.

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

- Several Africana Studies students have been McNair Scholars and have presented research at undergraduate and professional conferences.
- Students have researched and presented findings on the Black community of Dearfield, located near Greeley.
- Students have had research published in student and professional journals.

FACULTY OVERVIEW

Faculty in the Africana Studies program have been nationally and internationally recognized for their academic excellence through awards, publications and conference presentations. They have contributed to various documentaries, community events and served as board members for national organizations. Their commitment to their students is demonstrated through their activities that extend the classroom including serving as advisors to campus student groups and as faculty-in-residence with UNC Housing and Residential Education.

UNIQUE PROGRAM FACTS

- In conjunction with UNC’s Michener Library Archives, Africana Studies has collected over 100 audiotapes of Black Colorado pioneers, plus a collection of items from Dearfield.
- Students have the opportunity to conduct summer archaeological fieldwork at Dearfield.
- Africana Studies students have been invited to study in Istanbul at Turkey’s top university.

Africana Studies

Bachelor of Arts



“Africana Studies has allowed me to see and learn from a different point of view from that which I was taught throughout my years in K-12. I was taught to look at and understand things from a non-Eurocentric point of view. I am forever in debt to the Africana Studies program at UNC because I continue to take what I learned and apply it in my teaching.”

*Robyn Gulley
UNC Graduate, Class of 2004*

INTERN OPPORTUNITIES

Africana Studies offers AFS 399: Community Study Project, used for paid and unpaid internships. Among many places, students have interned at:

- The Black American West Museum in Denver
- The City of Greeley
- State Farm Insurance
- Campus cultural centers
- A Woman's Place

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN THIS PROGRAM

- K-12 teaching
- Attorney
- Librarian
- Higher education administration
- International relations
- Nursing
- Historian
- Social services

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