

AFRICAN AND AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES

The Department of African and African American Studies is both an academic unit and a community comprised of students and faculty interested in the interdisciplinary study of Africa and its diaspora. Our work is grounded in the cultural and historical experiences of people of African descent. This focus on experience informs our interpretations of the African Diasporic past and present and propels our directives for the future. The department sponsors a wide range of cultural programs, lectures, and community events. Strong emphasis is placed on preparing students for graduate and professional study and careers in public or community work.

Program Activities

In order to develop student research and writing skills and to promote scholarship at the undergraduate level, the department sponsors an annual student-led symposium based on course-related research. Involvement with faculty research projects is available and highly encouraged.

The Bronx African American History Project (BAAHP) is a major research initiative sponsored by the department in cooperation with the Bronx County Historical Society. The BAAHP is dedicated to uncovering the cultural, political, economic, and religious histories of more than 500,000 people of African descent in the Bronx. The BAAHP hires student researchers and transcribers and has presented its research in public schools, academic conferences, and libraries throughout the city.

For more information

Visit the African and African American Studies department web page.

Contribution to the Core

African and African American studies offers AFAM 1600 Understanding Historical Change: Africa, which fulfills the Understanding Historical Change core requirement. The department also offers a wide variety of Eloquentia Perfecta (EP1, EP3), American Pluralism, and Global Studies courses each year. In addition, a Values Seminar/EP4 and an Interdisciplinary Capstone Course are offered annually.

Programs

- African and African American Studies Major
- African and African American Studies Minor