B.A. in African and Black Diaspora Studies

Learning Outcomes

Students can:

- Describe and discuss the complex multiculturalism of Africa and the Black Diaspora, particularly the diverse communities that have emerged in Africa as a result of centuries of interactions, invasions and colonization by indigenous, European and African societies and other immigrant and diasporic groups.

- Describe, discuss and engage the Black Diaspora as a concept, including the interrelationship between and among the peoples of three key geographic locations: Africa, The United States and the Afro-Caribbean and Latin America, along with other regions of the world, including Europe, Asia and Canada, for example.

- Describe and discuss the Africa and the Black Diaspora through five interdisciplinary sites of inquiry: history, power, identity, gender and race.

- Describe and discuss a complex range of multiple theories of “blackness,” including blackness as cultural identity, aesthetic, political and/or national movement, within the fields of African, Pan African and African American Studies.

- Critique stereotypes concerning African and Black Diasporic Populations.

- Apply an ethical framework and exhibit a strong sense of social responsibility within a commitment to community outreach.

- Apply theoretical approaches to practical problems, especially as they relate to issues of social justice in Africa and the Black Diaspora.

- Explain, apply, and combine in written form the field's multiple cultural and linguistic literacies, including those that are musical, visual, symbolic, computational, technological, and scientific, drawing on African and Black Diaspora literature.