

## Department of African-American and African Studies

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The Department of African-American and African Studies at Rutgers-Newark offers students an opportunity to study the cultures of the African diaspora, from a variety of disciplinary perspectives. Our course offerings focus particularly on the United States, Africa, and the Caribbean, and we hope to include courses on Afro-Hispanic culture in future. Our faculty are trained in diverse fields – anthropology, film studies, literature, history, political science, to name a few -- and our courses are often interdisciplinary in nature. All of the courses are designed to integrate scholarship on gender, race, and class.

The African-American/African Studies major/minor is geared towards both the scholarly and the working world. We aim to produce graduates who are ready for advanced graduate study in the humanities or social sciences; we also aim to produce professionals who can work in a variety of fields that require an understanding of the history and cultures of African and African-descended peoples. Our major can be used in a broad array of fields, such as marketing; journalism; education; and the arts. In future we hope to establish internships for our majors, where they can apply their scholarly knowledge to a particular career.

Flexibility is a key characteristic of our program. African-American/African Studies majors have a wide array of courses to choose from, and may also take courses in other departments as a way to fulfill electives in their major. Additionally, some of the courses in African-American/African Studies may be taken for credit towards a major or minor in another department. The Department of African-American and African Studies is dedicated to giving our students the most expansive education possible, and for this reason we allow our students a range of course options, both from within and without the department. Several of our courses are also offered during the evening.

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