



DEPARTMENT OF AFRICANA STUDIES



ABOUT US Under the leadership of Wilton Flemon, Ph.D., Akbarali Thobhani, Ph.D., and celebrated activist-scholar Rachel B. Noel, MSU Denver's Department of Africana Studies emerged in 1969, during the student protest movement that demanded the inclusion of Black Studies at US colleges and universities. To this day, we are the only Africana Studies department in the State of Colorado. Our graduates complete their studies with unmatched intellectual and professional skills that help them compete in public and private sectors and in their postgraduate studies.



WHAT MAKES US SPECIAL Our Department Faculty are always available, enriching your academic experience through intentional mentoring, enhanced student-faculty research opportunities, focused community collaborations, and exploration of multiple disciplines.



SIGNATURE EVENTS Our Department hosts three annual signature events including the Black World Conference, the Umoja Community Conversations Conference, and the Rachel B. Noel Distinguished Visiting Professorship. These free and open to the public events highlight the lived experience of African Americans and folks of African descent while also bringing renowned scholars and artists of distinction to MSU Denver.



ALUMNI QUOTE "My experience as an Africana Studies major has both met and exceeded my expectations. I have been privileged to study alongside fellow students who are in pursuit of both academic excellence and solutions to some of the world's most vexing problems. I have been privileged to study under instructors who are not only professional, but who have challenged me to grow."

- Darius Carey, 2015

INDUSTRY CAREERS

- Legal Profession
- Health and Human Services
- Visual & Performing Arts
- Foreign Service and Non-governmental Organizations
- Academia
- Non-Profit and Advocacy



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Experiential Major Map



COLLEGE OF LETTERS,
ARTS AND SCIENCES

	First Year	Middle Years	Last Year
Cultivate Learning & Academic Excellence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend Orientation and register for classes Meet with your academic advisor to map out your course journey Complete scholarship financial aid application 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Declare your major or certificate in another field Meet with an advisor to check your Degree Progress Report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with an advisor to ensure you are on track to graduate Complete your senior capstone Apply to graduate
Engage Globally and Locally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visit the Writing Center and utilize its services Speak with professor about opportunities within your department Join a student organization and start getting connected on campus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speak with a professor about research opportunities in your dept. Attend lectures and special events hosted by the department, including the annual Black Word Conference 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participate in multicultural events around campus Plan for national and/or international travel to Africa and other regions of the African Diaspora
Prepare for Postgraduation Success	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check out on-campus and career aligned jobs on Career Link Begin to develop and explore a career pathway Build your early experience resume 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connect with the C2 Hub on professional mentoring and networking opportunities Attend a career fair Attend C2 hub career workshops and events 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend alumni and campus-wide networking events Seek out internship opportunities locally and statewide

Academic Success Checklist

- Discover library resources
- Book an appointment with your academic advisor
- Visit the writing and tutoring center
- Complete FASFA and academic scholarship applications

African American and Black Studies average wage is **\$85,453**
(Data USA, 2021)

Career Development Checklist

- Update your resume early & often
- Drop into the C2 Hub's Career Lab
- Secure an internship or career aligned part time job to develop essential skills for graduation

Career Information

What skills do employers want?

- Critical thinking and effective communication skills
- Cultural competence
- Project development
- Analysis and research

This major gives me the skills to:

- Participate in undergraduate research that centers Africa and the African Diaspora
- Develop analytical skills to be an activist intellectual
- Actualize the aspirations for social justice – to become a visionary leader in pursuit of a just society

What careers can I pursue?

- Museum curator
- College professor/public school educator
- Medical professional
- Social worker
- Lawyer
- STEM professionals

