

TEN POINTS PLATFORM
Mission Statement
Of the Department of Africana Studies at Stony Brook University

1. The Department of Africana Studies is a combination of African American studies, African studies, the study of the Black and African diasporas across the globe, and the study of the lived experiences of Black people inside and outside of the United States;
2. The Department of Africana Studies at Stony Brook University was established during the sixties as a consequence of the national demand for the study of the Black experience in both its national and international dimensions, and as such it is one of the oldest in the United States;
3. Proud of its rich critical intellectual and political traditions, and of the legacy of the highly respected scholars who defined its identity in the Black presence through research, teaching, political and community activism, the Department of Africana Studies intends to address current and future issues pertaining to race, gender, class, political systems, and the political economies that sustain unequal and oppressive systems;
4. The Department of Africana Studies is committed to collaborating with other academic departments through cross listing of courses and inviting more colleagues to become affiliated with us, while striving to have our faculty be affiliated, team-teach, collaborate on research proposals and exchange programs on campus and beyond, and to work with other faculty and academic departments;
5. The Department of Africana Studies is committed to interdisciplinary, comparative, global and international fields of knowledge, as we understand Black studies as located at the crossroads of multiple other disciplines and area studies, and see our work as being informed by the specificities and interconnectedness of the global Black experience in and outside of the United States;
6. The Department of Africana Studies is committed to a mix-methods approach, and not exclusively focused on quantitative or qualitative methodologies, but instead draws from behavioral and social sciences, at the intersection of class, gender, sexuality and ethnic studies;
7. The Department of Africana Studies is committed to the study, research and teaching of Black and African art, literature, history, sociology, cultural studies and politics in a comparative, transdisciplinary manner, and with a specific highlight on antiracist education and racial justice, green and sustainability, development and environmental justice, and the way they intersect with transnational structures that perpetuate poverty and inequality;

8. The Department of Africana Studies understands study abroad as its centerpiece and is committed to foster and encourage students and faculty to research abroad, and, in that spirit, to sustain and increase our partnership with people and institutions in the Caribbean, Latin America, Asia and on the African continent;
9. The Department of Africana Studies is committed to go beyond the usual student population and care about the needs of the Black community by offering a Masters degree that combines public health and Africana studies, including a diasporic outlook, by fostering a prison education program, and by sustaining a program for high schools;
10. Informed by the current and ongoing struggle of Black people inside and outside the United States, the Department of Africana Studies remains observant of the fact that Black Lives Matter and is committed to working towards the end of poverty, inequality and racism.