

# STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY CAREER CENTER

## Africana Studies

During the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s, Africana Studies (AFS) was introduced as a unit to Stony Brook University. The department now offers both a major and minor to students who want to learn more about the African Diaspora. Africana Studies teaches its students about Black history, art, literature, social and economic conditions, politics, and cultures. The professors and lecturers also actively encourage their students to take part in extracurricular activities and community service. In turn, these students become qualified candidates who can work in a variety of fields ranging from social work to human resources and public relations to academia. Africana Studies is a great degree to hold if you're looking for a challenging and rewarding college experience.



### Transferable Skills

- Clear and critical thinking
- Deep understanding of African culture
- Cross-cultural understanding
- Interpretation of maps & data
- Knowledge of human evolution and history
- Didactic skills
- Communication skills
- Rhetorical analysis
- Argumentative skills
- Writing skills

### Career Communities to Consider

- Education & Helping Profession
- Business
- Public Service

### Fun Stuff: SBU Student Example

Jewelle Brown was recently featured in a press release on Stony Brook University's homepage. She is an Africana Studies minor who's passionate about Human Resources. Here's what she had to say about her AFS minor: "I want to help people, especially the underprivileged and underrepresented in society. To do that I need an understanding of history, so I'm taking history and literature classes. I like it because I get to do something so different from business, and I've learned so much I wouldn't have without delving into it." Jewelle will be interning at the human resources division of Barclay's Investment Bank during the summer of 2012.