# Black and Africana Studies Department

### **Purpose and Goals**

Undergirded by the three basic areas of focus of the discipline of Black Studies, which are cultural grounding, academic excellence, and social responsibility, the Black/Africana Studies Department is committed to providing students with the opportunity to critically study the history, culture, and lived experience of Black people.



### Student Population Served

Students pursuing transfer degrees who need Area F: Ethnic Studies course. AFRS 100: Introduction to Africana Studies is an approved Area F: Ethnic Studies course. Also, the department supports students who want to pursue an AA degree in Black/Africana Studies, AA-T degree in Social Justice Studies: Africana Studies, and/or Certificate in Black/Africana Studies.

## Number of Students Served Annually and Capacity

All students pursuing transfer pathway degrees. The Department currently offers 10 sections of courses, 30 seats each, allowing 300 students to study Black and Africana Studies.

### **High-Impact Interventions**

The Department includes a dual enrollment course allowing high school students to explore the history, culture, and lived experience of Black people.

### Intended Impacts and Measured Outcomes

Ensuring equity in higher education, which ultimately leads to a more educated, equitable, and inclusive society. Cultivating students who are productive participants in the global community, preparing students for advocacy work with underrepresented groups, and becoming agents of change towards a more equitable society.

#### **Did You Know?**

The goals and objectives of this program are to prepare students for transfer to a 4-year institution and a career in the human and social sciences, education, government and politics, management and industry, communication media, visual/performing arts, non-profit/advocacy, and entrepreneurial studies.

