African American Studies Program

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Overview
The African American studies program offers a minor and the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in African American studies, which are interdisciplinary programs that focus on the African American experience in the United States, especially in Mississippi and the South. Its objectives are to encourage students and faculty to examine the black experience, to facilitate a cultural and intellectual atmosphere on campus that will be favorable to such studies, and to undertake a program of research and service.