The African American and African Diaspora Studies Program fosters interdisciplinary study for undergraduate and post-baccalaureate students through examination of how people of African descent shaped the world. As a program located in a city with a history of black sociopolitical movements, we provide a forum to engage the complexities of black life across African diasporas. In addition, we advance the university’s commitment to diverse perspectives and inclusive learning environments.

Degree Outcomes

• After Cameron Wynn graduated in 2009, he attended The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine and is now an emergency medicine resident at Palmetto Health Richland in South Carolina. At UNCG, Cameron studied abroad at the University of Botswana, and after his first year of medical school he returned to Botswana to volunteer with a nonprofit organization focused on uplifting disadvantaged youth. Specifically, he worked with youth leaders to build a health program that focused on small-group work and peer health education.
• Tiffany Dyson Atkins graduated in 2003 with a dual degree in political science and African American studies. Following a corporate career, Tiffany earned a law degree at Elon University. After successfully passing the NC Bar Exam on her first attempt, Tiffany became the youngest attorney to join the Greensboro Office of Legal Aid of North Carolina, where she practices family and employment law, including domestic violence prosecution, custody litigation, divorce, and hearings before the Division of Employment Security.
• Graduates continue their studies at universities such as Duke University, Vanderbilt University, Rutgers University, and UC Berkeley.

The Student Experience

• The interdisciplinary curriculum is focused on the study (i.e., music, art, literature, history) of people of African descent in America and other parts of the world.
• Join the African American and African Diaspora Studies Student Club, Conversations with the Community, and the Conference on African American and African Diasporic Cultures and Experiences (CACE).
• Students present original research at national conferences and our home conference CACE (Conference on African American Culture and Experience).
• Students participate in internships related to African American studies.
Accolades & Accomplishments

- In 2012–13, Academic Analytics ranked the African American Studies program as one of the top 10 of its kind in the country.
- During the program’s 30th anniversary, it graduated its largest class to date, with nearly 20 students earning more than $250,000 in grants and scholarships toward graduate study.
- Establishment of the first program scholarship was made possible by the generosity of UNCG alumna Whitney “Whitty” Ransome, who co-founded the National Coalition of Girls’ Schools in 1991 and has served for almost two decades as its co-executive director.