

The Africana Studies Scholars Project:

The Scholars Project is an opportunity for outstanding students to pursue long-term independent research. It is a two-term, 12-credit course for majors in Africana Studies who meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Must have completed junior year
- Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or over
- Cumulative GPA of 3.4 or over in Africana Studies
- Must have completed the following core courses:

Intro to Africana Studies
Black Experience in America
Intro to Methodology

- Must have completed 3 electives at the 300 or 400 level

Each participant in the Scholars Project selects a faculty member from the Department of Africana Studies to serve as their principal advisor, and a second reader from the University faculty. Together, students and advisors plan a schedule of meetings for the year. All participating students are required to draft a research prospectus and successfully present an oral defense at the conclusion of the year. The final thesis must be filed with the department chair.

There will be one mandatory preliminary meeting of all participating students at the start of the year, which will provide an orientation and a chance for students to share their project plans and to get to know one another. Subsequent meetings throughout the year will help students prepare for their defense and address issues related to the successful completion of their projects. These meetings will also help students prepare for graduate school and professional careers by providing information on scholarships and grants, the graduate applications and admissions process, curriculum vita writing, and practical “real life” issues affecting academic and professional success.

Successful Africana Studies Scholars Project participants will graduate with highest honors and receive a special certificate at graduation. Project participants are exempt from the required Africana Studies Seminar (course #01:014:490).

We encourage all eligible students to participate in this challenging and rewarding program. If you would like to apply for this program, fill out the attached application and send it to one of the program faculty advisors at the Department of Africana Studies, Beck 112, Livingston Campus.

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Application Form

Student's Name: _____

Project Title: _____

Academic Year for project: _____

Primary Advisor: _____

(must be from the Department of Africana Studies)

Secondary Advisor:* _____ Department: _____

(*The secondary advisor may be selected after acceptance to the program)

Cumulative GPA at the end of junior year: _____

GPA in Africana Studies at end of junior year: _____

Local/campus mailing address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THIS APPLICATION:

1. Completely fill out the information above.
2. Attach a copy of your most recent transcript. (Applications without attached transcripts will not be considered)
3. Mail or bring completed application and transcript to either Professor Kim Butler or Professor Edward Ramsamy at the Department of Africana Studies, Beck Hall Room 112, Livingston Campus