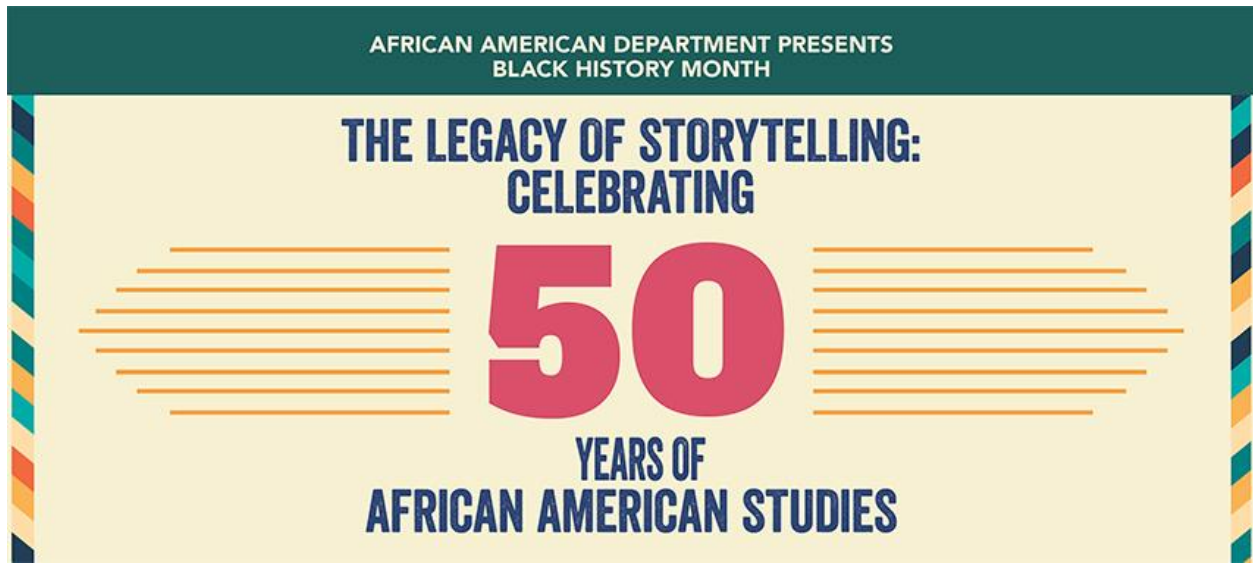




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Department of African American Studies

The African American Studies Department is designed to bring into disciplinary focus, through inter-departmental and multicultural course offerings in Liberal Arts and Sciences, the history and culture of Africans and their descendents, throughout the diaspora from antiquity to the present.

Readings and classrooms lectures bring research, critical analysis, synthesis, and interpretation to bear on the contributions of peoples of African descent to the genesis and the development of human civilization. African American Studies is fundamentally concerned with the stimulation of intellectual growth and the development of humanist principles.

The AFR Option

Add a specialty to your Associate degree in Liberal Arts (LAA) with an option in African American Studies. An option is an area of concentrated study: that is a "distinct branch" in a degree program, the equivalent of a concentration in a major. The AFR OPTION in the Liberal Arts program will enable the student to use the Flexible Core to develop a concentrated area of studies.

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Marta Effinger-Crichlow, Ph.D.



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Interesting/Important Facts

The department was set up in 1969, first as a program and five years later, attained departmental status. African American Studies at City Tech is proudly positioned within the larger history of African American Studies on college campuses, whereby activists and scholars challenged the marginalization of African contributions to human heritage and called for changes in curricula and new programs to address these shortcomings.

AFR courses and faculty prepare students to exist in a world where they thoughtfully question, critique, act, motivate, inspire, and challenge. More specifically, the Option in African American Studies (AFR Option) enables Liberal Arts (LAA) students to develop a concentrated area of studies from Humanities, Literature, History/Social Science and Philosophy. The AFR Option may inspire students to earn a degree in African American Studies from another college or university. Individuals with a degree in African American Studies have a wide range of career choices. The discipline may lead to career opportunities in Education, Law, Community Organizing, Policy Planning, Museum Administration, Publishing, Health Administration, Filmmaking, Social Work, Arts Programming, Business, and International Aid Management.

The entire City Tech community is invited to take advantage of the exciting programs AFR organizes throughout the academic year, including Black Solidarity Day, Black History Month, Kwanza and Woman's History Month. Attendance at our departmental events highlight the inherent value of African American Studies locally, nationally, and globally.