Dear Incoming Students:

Welcome to URI!
Welcome to Africana Studies....A vibrant Department with classes about all things related to AFRICA!

We offer...
*Nationally recognized Professors

*Classes in social issues like race relations, biracial relationships & how to prevent racism;

* Classes about the development of Africa; Classes about Haiti & the Caribbean.

*Study Abroad Programs to Cape Verde, Ghana, West Africa and more


*Did you know many companies now actually request students with cultural competency; students who can cross cultures confidently?

In just a few years, You might be interviewing for such a job. Get ready! Take Africana Classes. Earn a major with 30 credits/minor with 15! OR, just take a class or two!

Have a GREAT semester!
Dr. Vanessa Wynder Quainoo, Director
My name is Aran Valente

My name is Aran Valente. I was an Africana Studies and Political Science double major and I joined the Peace Corps after graduation. Now, I am in a Doctoral Program in Africa. Africana Studies really prepared me to go abroad with confidence and to relate to all people as human beings. equals.

My name is OluwaDamilola Animashaun

“Dami” is a 2016 graduate - Africana Studies & Political Science double major. He graduated at the top of his class with a 3.8 cum and offers from grad schools to study law or political science. A three-time intern in government, Dami worked for the mayor, senator and governor’s offices. He plans to be a lawyer and focus on social justice.

My name is Tim Quainoo

As brothers, both Tim and Matt majored in Africana Studies. Tim was a double major in Africana and Communication and Matt a double-major in Africana and Political Science. Both graduated with a near 4.0 cum gpa and both plan to work in Church Ministry.... fighting racism and discrimination.... working in America and Africa to help poor communities thrive.

My name is Matt Quainoo

My name is Antoinette Gbomina

Antoinette was one of the stand-out seniors in Africana Studies. A double-major in Nursing and Africana Studies. Antoinette brought a tremendous amount of vibrance and vitality to the department. Her leadership in Student Alliance for the Welfare of Africa (SAWA) made an unforgettable impact.