

African American Studies



MEET NYLA

Nyla is majoring in African American Studies and Political Science and is also working on her master of public policy degree.

Nyla was president of Penn State's Black Caucus and has consistently advocated for change and for amplifying the voices of students of color at the University.

She received a Stand Up Award from the Rock Ethics Institute for fighting for racial and social justice.

Nyla also serves as a peer mentor in BLUEprint, a program focused on offering cultural, social, and academic support to first-year students of color. She was also a co-chair for the Student Code of Conduct Task Force, the undergraduate liaison for the 3/20 Coalition, and the executive director of the MLK Jr. Commemoration Student Committee.



PennState
College of the Liberal Arts

African American Studies

DEGREE OPTIONS

- Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Science
- Minor Concentrations

OUT-OF-CLASSROOM EXPERIENCES

Internships

Students in this major have interned with companies such as:

- Civil Rights and Restorative Justice Project at Northeastern School of Law
- U.S. Department of Justice
- Penn State's Division of Development and Alumni Relations

Education Abroad

Popular destinations for students in this major:

- Chile
- Curaçao
- Ghana
- Spain

COURSEWORK

Opportunities to explore the following topics:

- Hip hop
- Civil Rights/Black Lives Matter movements
- Black women's history

POST-GRADUATION OPPORTUNITIES

Continuing Education

- Law school
- Graduate school to study public policy

Alumni Industries

- Consulting
- Education (K–12)
- Service
- Management
- Community development



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the major, visit
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