

African Diaspora Living Learning Community Syllabus
Elon University
Fall 2022
Schedule & Expectations

Mission of the Center for Race, Ethnicity, and Diversity Education

The value of community and our advocacy for underrepresented and historically marginalized racial and ethnic students underpin our decision to create **The African Diaspora Living Learning Community (ADLLC) at Elon University**. Aligned with the Center for Race, Ethnicity, and Diversity Education's mission to advance the conversation on student diversity education campus-wide, the ADLLC seeks to help the Elon community further develop intercultural competence and provide race and ethnicity-related advocacy, services, and programs to promote the intellectual achievement, personal success, and social belonging of all students, faculty, and staff. The ADLCC is designed to serve Elon students through workshops, presentations, mentoring, advocacy, cultural and emersion programs that help create an inclusive campus environment for underrepresented and historically marginalized racial and ethnic students and foster a deeper understanding of a pride in their respective identities and the identities of others.

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African Diaspora LLC Learning Outcomes

- ❖ Students will participate in Center for Race, Ethnicity, and Diversity Education activities, in addition to community specific programming, while living among other dedicated students with a similar interest in racial identity, and the reaches and depth of the African Diaspora.
- ❖ Students will develop a connection with faculty, staff, and students associated with the Center for Race, Ethnicity, and Diversity Education, the African and African American Studies at Elon Minor and other related departments.
- ❖ Students will be exposed to and participate in various activities that will assist in personal self-assessment, exploration of community and global issues relating to the African Diaspora, service learning and team building.
- ❖ Students will enhance their learning through intentional connections between living learning community programming, their service through the CREDE, and co-curricular interactions with Elon faculty and staff.

Expectations of African Diaspora LLC members

- ❖ Attend LLC meetings and activities and contribute to the community. **Active participation is required!**
- ❖ Abide by the Elon University Honor Code & Code of Conduct.
- ❖ Respect the needs of each of the residents (studying, sleep, hygiene).

- ❖ Residents of the African Diaspora Living Learning Community are expected to take at least one course aligned with the African and African-American Studies Minor at Elon University during Winter Term 2022 or the Spring Semester 2023. Failure to do so, may prohibit one from being able to return as a resident of the African Diaspora Living Learning Community for the following year.
- ❖ The LLC will be informed by principles of Nguvu and Huduma (Swahili for service and leadership).
- ❖ New and/or returning students living in the African Diaspora Living Learning Community must participate in the Spring Project which includes the attendance of all mandatory meetings and completion of required project and reflection in the Spring of 2023.

The Ubuntu Academy of the African Diaspora Living Learning Community

The Ubuntu Academy is designed to create the opportunity for each student of the African Diaspora Living Learning Community to further explore academic concepts related to race, ethnicity and Blackness through meaningful engagement of the African Diaspora. Ubuntu is the Nguni Bantu term for “humanity,” often associated with the proverb “I am because we are.” First year residents will build a foundation of knowledge regarding cultivating their own spaces of Afrocentric education, while returning residents will focus on implementation of the previous knowledge through preparation of a special hall project in partnership with the libraries.

The goals of the program are as follows:

- Participants will explore the diversity and interconnectedness of Black communities within the African Diaspora
- Participants will explore Black racial identity development
- Participants will explore connections between Black identity and research
- Participants will identify an ELR project to work with for the duration of the Spring 2023 semester

Looking Back To Move Forward Fall Project

This “Looking back to move forward” project is an opportunity for the members of the African Diaspora LLC to engage in intentional reflection around identity, belonging, and creating space through a lens of Sankofa. The process will involve the student engaging in deep reflection about their “being” on Elon’s. Focusing on aspirational capital, we will leverage the power of storytelling to deconstruct how they currently see themselves in the world and reconstruct who they believe they will be in the future.

The goals of the project are as follows:

- Participants will explore the diversity and interconnectedness of Black communities within the African Diaspora
- Participants will explore Black racial identity development
- Participants will be able to critically examine their sense of self and belonging on Elon’s campus
- Participants will create an artistic piece of expression that exemplifies who they are and their sense of self **

Projected Dates of Milestones:

- October 1st – Ubuntu Academy Reflection
- November 1st – Submit artistic pieces

Activities for African Diaspora LLC Residents

Activities will be planned and executed by the staff advisors, African Diaspora LLC student ambassador, and members of the LLC. Students are encouraged to include faculty and staff from the CREDE, the African and African American Studies Minor at Elon and related academic departments. **Mandatory events are marked with**

an asterisk (**). Optional events are marked with (*). Failure to do so may result in your removal from the living learning community. The following activities will be offered this semester.

African Diaspora Living Learning Community Fall 2022 Calendar of Events

Fall 2022

August 2021

- 26th | BSU Welcome Black Cookout | Greek Plots, 6-8PM
- 28th | ALANAM Welcome Brunch | McKinnon, 1-3PM *
- 29th | SMART Ice Cream Social | El Centro, 5:30-7PM *

September 2021

- 2nd | 90s @ Takes Taphouse | College Street Taphouse, 10:30-2PM *
- 5th | Vision Board | Lakeside 212, 5:30-7PM
- 7th | Black Table Talk: Panel for Success | Moseley 215, 5:30-7PM **
- 8th | Journey to Sankofa | Lakeside 212, 6-7 PM **
- 9th | ALANAM Resource Fair | El Centro, 3-5PM *
- 15th | Hispanic Heritage Month Kick-Off | Medallion Plaza, 5-7PM *
- 24th | Ubuntu Leadership Academy | 10-1PM*

October 2021

- 12th – 16th | Fall Break
- 26th | Black Table Talk | Moseley 215, 5:30-7PM **

November 2021

- 11th -12th | Intersect Conference | Moseley Student Center *
- 16th | Black Table Talk | Moseley 215, 5:30-7PM **
- 18th-27th | Thanksgiving Holiday Break

December 2022

- 2nd | Classes End
- 3rd | Reading Day
- 5th-9th | Exams

By signing your name, you recognize that you agree to the terms and agreements of the African Diaspora Living Learning Community as outlined in the 2021 -2022 African Diaspora Living Learning Community.

Print Name

Date

Signature

Date