



# COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

## CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS

Students call over **20** student organizations home during their time at FSU! These organizations provide a welcoming environment for students to pursue networking and leadership opportunities. Many are members of the Coalition of Black Organizational Leaders (COBOL), a network of primarily black Recognized Student Organizations connected by the Black Student Union. A list can be found at [sga.fsu.edu/bsu/cobol](http://sga.fsu.edu/bsu/cobol)

**Black Student Empowerment Group:** Group counseling provided by the University Counseling Center that serves as a safe space for undergraduate and non-teaching graduate students to discuss stressors such as academics, relationships, family, discrimination, incorporating essential elements of ethnic identity.

## ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

**African-American Studies Program:** offers two major tracks and a minor that offers students the opportunity to understand American society and the international arena from the unique vantage-point of the African Diaspora, most especially Americans of African descent.

The newly rebuilt **Black Student Union House** offers students an opportunity to build community and host programs and events. The shared space hosts several African American Studies courses each semester and includes satellite office space for professors within the program.

## CULTIVATING LEADERSHIP

The **Seminole Minority Leadership Institute** is a semester long leadership program that helps develop black student leaders at FSU. Applications are typically due the first week of the fall semester!

The **Diversity & Inclusion Institute** is an 8-week program held in the Spring Semester where participants are challenged to gain knowledge about how to support fellow students with various identities to create a more united campus.

The Leadership Learning Research Center offers the Undergraduate Certificate in Leadership Studies to prepare students for leadership in multiple contexts. Email [Leadership-Studies@fsu.edu](mailto:Leadership-Studies@fsu.edu) to schedule your advising appointment today!

## BLACK MALE INITIATIVE

A program that uses mentoring, academic integration, leadership and service, and social integration to meet the scholastic and social needs of all Black males on the campus of FSU.

More information can be found at [studentaffairs.fsu.edu/BMI](http://studentaffairs.fsu.edu/BMI).

## BLACK STUDENT UNION

The Black Student Union is the Student Government Agency that offers black students a form of identity and a social life. BSU functions as a vehicle of communication to the faculty and administration of Florida State University and seeks to develop unity among black students so that jointly and strongly they can express concerns and problems faced on campus. BSU hosts several events and programs each year to provide support education on issues important to Black students at FSU, as well as to build a community among students. Some of those annual events include monthly General Body Meetings, Bridging the Gap Pep Rally, BSU Pageant, Homecoming tailgate and float, COBOL Showcase, Black History Month programming, and the BSU Inauguration. At the annual Bobby E. Leach Scholarship Ball, the Black Student Union awards one scholarship, named after the first Black Vice President for Student Affairs at FSU, to an outstanding student to apply towards their spring tuition.



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