



## *Our Goal:*

Our goal for the program is to build a community of learners and to create a climate of intellectual energy that embraces students, faculty, staff, and friends of Austin Peay. African American Studies courses will also prepare students to think critically about U.S. society and disparities of power related to race, ethnicity, class, gender, sexuality, religion, and (trans)national identity. Consequently, students will have a vocabulary that will allow them to talk about race in a manner that is not diminishing, demeaning, reductive, or ad hominem. Thus, the classroom will become a space where students can have meaningful—and sometimes painfully honest—conversations about race, tackling complex aspects that are oftentimes avoided because of the politically-charged nature of race.

