What Spelman LOOKS LIKE.
“I will never have an opportunity like this again. No other space can give you what Spelman gives you.”

— MCKENZIE, CLASS OF 2025, JACKSON, TN

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For more than 140 years, Spelman College has been an incubator for Black women’s education and excellence. We are global leaders in educating women of African descent, and home to more than 2,000 students from around the U.S. and the world.

As the #1 HBCU in the country, Spelman is here to support you with cutting-edge technology, innovation, and teaching.

Spelman women are trailblazers. We are dedicated to your intellectual, creative, ethical, and leadership development, and it shows in everything from our vibrant campus life to our incredible commencement speakers to our Gates Millennium Scholars, Fulbright Fellowship winners, Truman Scholars, and Marshall Scholars.

At Spelman, you don’t just get an education. You find sisterhood that will last a lifetime and experience an education that will help you build the confidence and skills you’ll need to change the world.

Spelman was built for young Black women like you—that’s the Spelman difference.
WHAT ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE LOOKS LIKE
Any school can brag about its small class sizes. At Spelman, academic excellence means so much more than that.

Sure, our class sizes are small—with an average faculty ratio of 11:1, you and your professors will know each other’s names in no time—but the true excellence comes from our dedication to providing education centered on Black women.

Spelman is ranked #7 for innovation and is a top 25 school in the country for teaching, and it’s easy to see why.

From our custom textbooks and flipped classrooms to courses where you'll be challenged at every turn, Spelman is at the leading edge of teaching excellence.

You’ll learn to bring a multidisciplinary approach to every class while benefiting from the traditions that have consistently made Spelman the #1 HBCU in the country.

Our mission is to surround you with other smart, driven women and to give you the support you need while you hone your intellectual and critical thinking skills.

Our wide range of majors and minors in both humanities and STEM means you can pursue your interests on campus, through study abroad programs, and in internships.

Interested in a class we don’t offer? We’ve got you covered with academic partnerships with the Morehouse School of Medicine, Georgia Institute of Technology, Emory University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and more.

Curious about conducting academic research? During our annual Research Day, more than 200 students share their original research findings, and Spelmanites frequently publish and present alongside faculty.

As the #1 producer of Black women with Ph.D.s in STEM, Spelman takes academic achievement seriously, and we provide the intellectual, emotional, and social support you need to succeed.

Spelman’s 76% graduation rate far outpaces the national average. More than 30% of Spelman’s graduating students report acceptance to graduate or professional school, and 28% report accepting an offer of full-time employment.

“The work is hard — but the learning is easy.”

— KENYA, CLASS OF 2025, MIAMI, FL
WHAT CAMPUS LIFE LOOKS LIKE

At Spelman, you’ll become fully yourself. Some of that development happens in the classroom as you sharpen your intellect and prepare for your career.

Other aspects of your development happen through involvement on (and off) campus. Here at Spelman, you get to figure out how to be authentically you.

CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Join some of our 85+ student clubs and organizations, and you’re sure to find Spelmanites who share your interests.

Step into the leadership roles you’re meant for and find fellowship in groups like campus ministry, debate team, LGBTQ+ groups, Glee Club, the women’s center, student government, and more.

At Spelman, we balance tradition and redefinition. Events like Founder’s Day, Exam Jam, and Homecoming invite you to connect with Spelman history while making your own memories.

RESIDENCE LIFE

Our 11 unique residence halls also house four themed Living Learning Communities. Every building serves as an oasis for its residents during the fast-paced academic year.

You’ll meet Spelmanites and form friendships that will last a lifetime. There’s always something happening in the residence halls, from creative events to educational programs.

AUC AND ATLANTA

We’re part of the Atlanta University Center, with Clark Atlanta University, Morehouse College, and the Morehouse School of Medicine.

Not only that, we’re just a few minutes from downtown Atlanta, which means you’ll always have easy access to the best food, entertainment, and cultural offerings in the city.

Find your home away from home on campus.

“It’s hard to be down going through your day. The campus is beautiful, green and life-giving. And we see Black women being free, just being.”

— SUMMER, CLASS OF 2024, NEW ORLEANS, LA
WHAT SISTERHOOD LOOKS LIKE

Among Spelmanites, being sisterly is a verb, and it’s a commitment that our students take seriously.

Sisterhood is built into Spelman’s DNA.

There’s a reason so many of our alumnae return to campus regularly, become pen pals with current students, and help locate internship and employment opportunities.

Sisterhood means being seen and heard. Sisterhood means...

- Those around you want to see you succeed and flourish
- You’ll always have support, community, and love
- No matter what, no matter where your path in life takes you, you’ll never be alone
- Your Spelman sisters will push you to do, and be, your best

Sisterhood means having each other’s backs through thick and thin.

Spelman students and professors create new models for leadership, experience, and impact so that you will graduate with the confidence to forge your own path.

Spelman sisters also understand—and reflect the true diversity of Black women’s identities and experiences.

You’ll meet Spelmanites from around the country and across the globe.

Spelmanites are introverts, extroverts, and everything in between. Your sisters come from all backgrounds, faiths, and interests.

Sisterhood is built into Spelman’s DNA, and celebrating our diversity is at the heart of everything we do.

“At Spelman, you’ll feel loved in a way you never have before.”

— BLAYRE, CLASS OF 2024, DALLAS, TX
WHAT OPPORTUNITY LOOKS LIKE

The four years you spend at Spelman are unique, and they form the foundation for everything that comes later.

Whether you want to go to graduate school, land a full-time job, or launch a business, you’ll have the professional and academic skills you need.

“There’s a strong emphasis to leave the gates and be in the world... I can’t think of a semester when I wasn’t doing something interesting off campus.”

— KALESE, CLASS OF 2022, NASHVILLE, TN

EDUCATION GOES GLOBAL

The education you get on campus at Spelman is second to none, and you’ll get true mentorship from your faculty—not just academic advising.

Our partnerships with other leading institutions also allow you to customize your educational journey.

Take your education around the world: Our students study abroad in 40+ countries.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Spelmanites graduate with all the information they need about career preparation and life after graduation. Many places tout such success, but at Spelman, it’s a reality.

Our students begin exploring and preparing in their first year. You’ll pursue fellowships and internships that provide you with invaluable experiences, along with building powerful networks of people who’ve seen what you can do.

And that’s not all: 600+ companies and graduate programs visit Spelman each year searching for the best of the best—and finding them.

Don’t miss out on Spelpreneur, either. Our co-curricular entrepreneurship program teaches the fundamentals of entrepreneurship. Compete for funding to make your business idea a reality!

ALUMNAE NETWORKS

Our strong global alumnae network can provide the leverage you need. Whether job searching, moving to a new area, or looking for exceptional volunteer opportunities, the network won’t fail to produce.

In addition, our Sister 2 Sister Professional Mentoring program pairs alumnae and students in formal mentoring relationships, and over 100 alumnae working in diverse industries participate every year.
"Spelman is a space made for Black women to excel so we can make change in the world."

— NIA, CLASS OF 2025, CHICAGO, IL
Spelman, as our mission statement says, empowers the whole person to engage the many cultures of the world and inspires a commitment to positive social change.

Joining us at Spelman means making a choice to change the world—and we’ll be with you every step of the way.

Spelman was listed among College Magazine’s Top 10 HBCUs Changing the World in 2020.

Students and on-campus organizations like The Feminist Majority Leadership Foundation and Afrekeete, which focuses on building spaces of safety and belonging for the LGBTQ+ community, are hard at work making change.

Our alumnae—your future sisters—are activists, artists, entrepreneurs and innovators, executives, lawyers, scientists, teachers, and so much more.

On campus and off, Spelmanites are devoted to changing the world for the better.

How will YOU excel? What change will you make? We’d love to help you find out. apply.spelman.edu/portal/schedule-a-visit

MINORS
African Diaspora Studies
Anthropology
Art History
Asian Studies
Biochemistry
Chemistry
Comparative Women's Studies
Computer and Information Sciences
Curatorial Studies
Dance
Documentary Filmmaking
Economics
Education Studies
English
Environmental Sciences
Environmental Studies
Film Studies and Visual Culture
Food Studies
French
History
International Studies
Japan Studies
Management and Organization
Mathematics
Naval Science
Photography
Philosophy
Physics
Political Science
Psychology
Religious Studies
Sociology
Spanish
Theatre & Performance
Writing

PROGRAMS
African Diaspora and the World (ADW)
Asian Studies
Curatorial Studies
Food Studies
Honors Program
Health Careers

ADDITIONAL OFFERINGS
Domestic Exchange
First-Generation Scholar Program
Gordon-Zeto Center for Global Education
ROTC
Spelman Independent Scholars (SIS)
Study Abroad and International Exchange