

# The African Art Gallery at Norfolk State University

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The African Art Gallery at Norfolk State University displays artifacts from Ghana, Liberia, Mali, Nigeria, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Gallery exhibits supplement the classroom experiences of the University's students and enhance their exposure to multicultural learning opportunities by making available to them a campus gallery featuring museum-quality African art pieces whose utilitarian functions are discussed in relationship to the history of the cultural groups they represent. In accordance with the University's historical role of serving as an educational and cultural resource for the Hampton Roads community, individuals and tour groups are welcomed at the Gallery. Weekend tours are available by appointment [*Hours of Operation*: Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5 PM. *Parking*: Park behind the Library and come inside the archives/gallery to get a pass for your vehicle. Bus groups please call in advance for parking arrangements. *Telephone*: 757-823-2002 or 823-2003. *ADA Accessible*].

Norfolk State University was founded in 1935, at its founding; it was named the Norfolk Unit of Virginia Union University. In 1942, the college became the independent Norfolk Polytechnic College, and two years later an Act of the Virginia Legislature mandated that it become a part of Virginia State College. The College was able to pursue an expanded mission with even greater emphasis in 1956 when another Act of the Legislature enabled the institution to offer its first baccalaureate degree. The college separated from Virginia State College and became fully independent in 1969. Subsequent legislative acts designated the institution as a university in 1979 and authorized the granting of graduate degrees.









