

Course Catalog - Spring 2006

Afro-American Studies

100 **Intro to Afro-American Studies** Credit: 3 hours.

Interdisciplinary introduction to the basic concepts and literature in the disciplines covered by Afro-American studies; surveys the major approaches to the study of Afro-Americans across several academic disciplines including economics, education, psychology, literature, political science, sociology and others

This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for aUIUC Social Sciences, and US Minority Culture(s) course.

101 **Black America, 1619-Present** Credit: 3 hours.

Sociohistorical survey of African American experiences from the West African background to North America, from the 17th century to the present. Same as HIST 174.

This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for aHist&Philosoph Perspect, and US Minority Culture(s) course.

102 **Researching the African Am Exp** Credit: 3 hours.

Introduction to research and documentation of the African American experience. Approved for both S/U and letter grading.

103 **Black Women in the Diaspora** Credit: 3 hours.

Explores the historical, social, economic, cultural and political realities of black women in the African diaspora with an emphasis on the U.S., Canada, Britain, Africa and the English speaking Caribbean. How macro structures such as slavery, imperialism, colonialism, capitalism, and globalization shaped and continue to circumscribe the lives of black women across various geographic regions. Discussion of the multiple strategies/efforts that black women employ both in the past and present to ensure the survival of the self and the community. Same as AFST 103 and GWS 103.

199 **Undergraduate Open Seminar** Credit: 1 to 5 hours.

May be repeated.

201 **US Racial & Ethnic Politics** Credit: 3 hours.

Same as LLS 201, and PS 201. See PS 201.

This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for aUIUC Social Sciences, and US Minority Culture(s) course.

211 **Intro to African-American Film** Credit: 3 hours.

Same as CINE 211. See CINE 211.

This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for aUS Minority Culture(s) course.

220 **Intro to Research Methods AfAm** Credit: 3 hours.

Introduction to various methodologies to be employed in the interdisciplinary field of African American/Africana studies. Access to a personal computer and SPSS software is required. Prerequisite: AFRO 100.

224 **Humanist Persp of Afro-Am Exp** Credit: 3 hours.

Presents the Afro-centric world view as it was manifested in traditional African society and in the Afro-American slave community. Shows that this world view merged with European notions of art and humanity, as revealed in modern Afro-American literature, art, and music. Same as CWL 226. Approved for both S/U and letter grading. Prerequisite: AFRO 100 or consent of instructor.

This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for aLiterature and the Arts, and US Minority Culture(s) course.

225 **Race and Ethnicity** Credit: 3 hours.

Same as SOC 225. See SOC 225.

231 **Lang Diff Dis: American Persp** Credit: 3 hours.

Same as SHS 231. See SHS 231.

This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for aUS Minority Culture(s) course.

243 **Pan Africanism** Credit: 3 hours.

Same as AFST 243, PS 243, and SOC 267. See PS 243.

*This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a*Non-Western Cultures, and UIUC Social Sciences course.

259 **Afro-American Literature I** Credit: 3 hours.

Same as CWL 259, and ENGL 259. See ENGL 259.

*This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a*US Minority Culture(s) course.

260 **Afro-American Literature II** Credit: 3 hours.

Same as CWL 260, and ENGL 260. See ENGL 260.

*This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a*US Minority Culture(s) course.

261 **Intro to the African Diaspora** Credit: 3 hours.

Introduction to the origin, development, and maturation of the African diaspora in the Americas and the Caribbean, beginning with the transatlantic slave trade and up to the end of the 20th century. Same as ANTH 261.

*This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a*Hist&Philosoph Perspect, and US Minority Culture(s) course.

272 **Minority Images in Amer Film** Credit: 4 hours.

Same as ENGL 272. See ENGL 272.

*This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a*Advanced Composition, Literature and the Arts, and US Minority Culture(s) course.

275 **Afro-American History to 1877** Credit: 3 hours.

Same as HIST 275. See HIST 275.

*This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a*Hist&Philosoph Perspect, and US Minority Culture(s) course.

276 **Afro-American Hist Since 1877** Credit: 3 hours.

Same as HIST 276. See HIST 276.

*This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a*Hist&Philosoph Perspect, and US Minority Culture(s) course.

281 **Constructing Race in America** Credit: 3 hours.

Same as AAS 281, HIST 281, and LLS 281. See HIST 281.

*This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a*Hist&Philosoph Perspect, and US Minority Culture(s) course.

282 **Displaced Peoples of Latin Am** Credit: 3 hours.

Same as ANTH 282. See ANTH 282.

*This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a*Non-Western Cultures, and UIUC Social Sciences course.

287 **African-American Women** Credit: 3 hours.

Same as GWS 287, and HIST 287. See HIST 287.

*This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a*US Minority Culture(s) course.

298 **Spec Topics African-Am Studies** Credit: 3 hours.

Seminar on selected topics with particular emphasis on current research trends. May be repeated up to a maximum of 6 Undergraduate Hours. Prerequisite: AFRO 100 or AFRO 101, or consent of instructor.

310 **Race and Cultural Diversity** Credit: 4 hours.

Same as AAS 310, EPS 310, and LLS 310. See EPS 310.

*This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a*Advanced Composition, and US Minority Culture(s) course.

315 **African American Politics** Credit: 3 hours.

Same as PS 315. See PS 315.

340 **Dancing Black Popular Cult** Credit: 3 hours.

Same as DANC 340. See DANC 340.

This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for aHist&Philosoph Perspect, and US Minority Culture(s) course.

342 Black Men in U.S. Society Credit: 3 hours.

The sociological study of African American men in the contemporary United States. Specifically, the experiences of this demographic group as it relates to the economy, state, policy, and institutions such as family, criminal justice system, and education. Same as SOC 325. Prerequisite: Introductory social science course.

344 Soc Sci Persp Afro-Am Studies Credit: 3 hours.

Focuses on unique aspects of Afro-American life through a review of social science perspectives. An interdisciplinary analysis of racial inequalities will emphasize trends in white and black racial attitudes and related social psychological issues. Critically reviews traditional Black American literature and compares it with Afro-centric perspectives Prerequisite: AFRO 100 or equivalent; or an introductory course in sociology, economics, anthropology, political science, or history; or consent of instructor

This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for aUIUC Social Sciences course.

373 AfAm Cultr Politic Mid20C Credit: 3 hours.

Focusing on African American culture and history from World War II until the early 1960's, topics include citizenship, migration, urban life, the African Diaspora, Civil Rights Movement, and art forms. Approved for both S/U and letter grading. Prerequisite: AFRO 100 and AFRO 101, 261, ENGL 260 or HIST 276.

380 Black Women Hist & Cultures Credit: 3 hours.

Same as GWS 380. See GWS 380.

381 Black Women and Film Credit: 3 hours.

An examination of the contribution of Black women film directors to cinema. The study of documentary, experimental, animated, fictional shorts, and feature films will reveal their unique approach to constructions of the intersection of race and gender. Starting from the 1920's up to the present, the course considers themes, aesthetics, historical contexts, and ideological discourses presented in the films. Same as CINE 381. Prerequisite: College level film course or consent of instructor.

398 Spec Topics Afro-Am Studies Credit: 3 hours.

Advanced seminar on selected topics with particular emphasis on current research trends. May be repeated to a maximum of 6 hours. Prerequisite: Junior status and one of the following: AFRO 224, or HIST 275 or HIST 276, or ENGL 259 or ENGL 260.

400 Afro-Diasporic Lit in Americas Credit: 3 or 4 hours.

Critical examination of the contributions of writers of African descent from the Caribbean (English, French, Spanish) and the United States. Major works of fiction, poetry, drama and essays from Cuba, Guadeloupe, Guyana, Haiti, St. Lucia, the United States and other countries are analyzed within a post-colonial theoretical framework Same as CWL 400. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: AFRO 224 or AFRO 259 or AFRO 260 or consent of instructor.

This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for aUS Minority Culture(s) course.

407 Slavery & Race in Latin Am Credit: 2 to 4 hours.

Same as HIST 407. See HIST 407.

410 Hate Crimes Credit: 3 hours.

Hate crimes represent the manifestation of intergroup bias and aggression. Examples of these crimes will be examined while analyzing longstanding theories in social psychology Same as PSYC 410. Prerequisite: PSYC 201 or AFRO 344 or consent of instructor.

411 African American Psychology Credit: 3 or 4 hours.

Introduction to the research, theories, and paradigms developed to understand the attitudes, behaviors, and psychological and educational realities of African Americans. Same as PSYC 416. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: AFRO 100 or one psychology course.

415 *Africana Feminisms* Credit: 3 or 4 hours.

Explores readings and research from the perspective of feminists throughout the African diaspora, with a focus on Black feminist thought emanating from the United States. Same as AFST 420 and GWS 415. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: AFRO 103 and an additional 300 or 400-level African American Studies course or consent of the instructor.

421 *Racial and Ethnic Families* Credit: 2 hours.

Same as EPS 421, HDFS 424, and SOC 421. See EPS 421.

435 *Commodifying Difference* Credit: 3 or 4 hours.

Same as LLS 435, AAS 435, COMM 432, and GWS 435. See LLS 435.

453 *Plantation Soc in Americas* Credit: 3 or 4 hours.

Comparative and interdisciplinary approach to study of the development of New World societies with focus on plantation agriculture from the 15th to 19th centuries. Course considers Portuguese, Spanish, British, French, and Dutch colonization. Students will study the relative importance of culture versus economy and demography in determining social structure Same as HIST 470. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: A survey course in early United States history and/or western civilization; junior status, or consent of the instructor.

460 *Slavery in the United States* Credit: 3 or 4 hours.

Examination of slavery in the U.S. using primary sources (slave narratives, songs and tales, plantation records, laws and newspapers) from the 18th century through emancipation. Same as HIST 482. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: AFRO 100 or AFRO 101 and one 300-level AFRO course.

*This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a*Advanced Composition course.

466 *Race & Science* Credit: 3 or 4 hours.

Examination of the historical development of scientific theories of race, focusing on biology, anthropology, mind sciences and modern genetics. Same as HIST 483. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: AFRO 100 or AFRO 101 and one 300-level AFRO course.

474 *Black Freed Move, 1955-Present* Credit: 3 or 4 hours.

Presents the struggle of African Americans for self-definition, self-development, and self-determination from the inception of the civil rights movement to the contemporary period. Same as HIST 478. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: AFRO 101, HIST 276, or consent of instructor.

*This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a*Advanced Composition course.

476 *The South in American History* Credit: 2 to 4 hours.

Same as HIST 477. See HIST 477.

490 *Africana Theories* Credit: 3 or 4 hours.

Introduction to various theories and methodologies rising out of the study of the Black world based on African American intellectual traditions. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: AFRO 100 and one additional 400-level AFRO course, or consent of instructor.

491 *Africana Methods* Credit: 3 or 4 hours.

Introduction to various methodologies to be employed in the interdisciplinary field of African American/Africana studies. Access to personal computer SPSS software is required. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: AFRO 100 and AFRO 220 and an additional 300 or 400-level African American Studies course or consent of instructor.

495 *Senior Thesis Seminar* Credit: 3 hours.

3 hours undergraduate only. Prerequisite: AFRO 100 and AFRO 220 or AFRO 490.

498 *Spec Topics African Am Studies* Credit: 3 or 4 hours.

Seminar on selected topics with particular emphasis on current research trends. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May be repeated up to a maximum of 6 undergraduate hours, or 8 graduate hours. Prerequisite: Upper level

AFRO course (300 or above) or consent of instructor.

500 Core Probs African-Am Studies Credit: 4 hours.

Introduction for grad students to the central concepts, theories, methodologies, and paradigms in Black Studies. Students will also be introduced to the key critical scholars, seminal works and emerging trends in Black Studies. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

501 Problems African American Hist Credit: 4 hours.

Same as HIST 575. See HIST 575.

597 Problems in African-Am Studies Credit: 4 hours.

Focused reading and study of special problems in African American Studies. May be repeated to a maximum of 8 hours. Prerequisite: Graduate standing, AFRO 500 or equivalent or consent of instructor.

598 Res Sem in African-Am Studies Credit: 4 hours.

Graduate seminar on special topics based on current research trends. May be repeated up to a maximum of 8 hours. Prerequisite: Graduate standing, AFRO 500 or equivalent or consent of instructor.