

Jamaican Creole, Reggae and Rastafari

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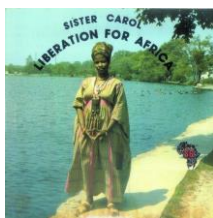
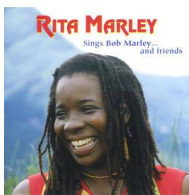
**JMT 3500 (“Jamaica in Translation 3500”)
Cross-listed with ANT 3930, AFA 3930 and LAS 3930**

Gen Ed in Humanities and International
Writing 2,000 (must be in JMT section)

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COURSE DESCRIPTION & OBJECTIVES

Short Description

Using methods from linguistics, ethnomusicology, and religious studies, this course is a study of language, music, history, religion and culture in Jamaica. Students learn to read Jamaican Creole, they examine its structure, and they discover reggae songs and the Rastafari culture that link to the language.

Course Description

The study of Jamaican Creole is fundamental for understanding Jamaican people and the ideas expressed by the voices of reggae and Rastafari culture. Spreading through

prophets, converts and reggae artists for the last seventy-five years, Rastafari has emerged as an important philosophy, spirituality, and lifestyle in Jamaica, Africa and the Jamaican and African Diaspora, including Florida. The advocates of Rastafari draw inspiration from Caribbean Ethiopianism, Garveyism, the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church, and the monarchical and mythological traditions of His Imperial Majesty Haile Selassie I, in addition to African-Caribbean cultural influences, in order to enrich their lives with African-centered values and meanings.

Rejecting the legacies of colonialism and slavery, Rastafari promotes an African-centered philosophy that takes root in the ideas of African liberation and repatriation, literacy and education for social progress, separation from Western (*Babilan*) social, cultural, material, and political influences, reparations for the victims of the slave trade, egalitarianism (*I and I*), vegetarianism (*ital*) and herbalism, to name just a few Rastafari concerns. Rastafari's struggle for human rights, development, free speech rights, religious rights, racial and economic justice, and protections for medical, sacramental, and industrial cannabis and hemp have profoundly influenced Jamaican and international societies all over the world. Since 2016, for instance, Rastafari-the cultivation and sacramental use of cannabis is protected for Rastafari in Jamaican law and further legal protections are anticipated.

The teachings of the early twentieth century advocates of Ethiopianism—including Marcus Garvey, Robert Athlyi Rogers, Fritz Balintine Pettersburg and Leonard Howell—prepared the way for revelations by early Rasta preachers that Haile Selassie I or “Jah Rastafari” was the Messiah, the returned Christ, the cornerstone of the Rastafari faith. Crowned in 1930 as “King of Kings, Lord of Lords, Conquering Lion of the Tribe of Judah,” for the Rastafari, Haile Selassie I symbolizes the necessity and fulfillment of African sovereignty. Selassie I's and the Allies' successful struggle against Italian (“Roman”) fascism and imperialism, the monarch's long reign and international influence, his invitation of a Rastafari settlement in Sheshemane, Ethiopia, his visit to Jamaica in 1966, and his status as a figure of African dignity, stand as elements of a mythological system that is taking shape in this generation of Rastafari followers.

Since the mid-1960s, the Rastafari worldview has found expression in reggae music, and through globally acclaimed artists like Bob Marley, Peter Tosh, Bunny Wailer and Culture, the music and message has spread to the four corners of the earth. The popularization of reggae has elevated Jamaica as one of the leading global exporters of culture and music and it has helped vastly expand the audience of reggae and Rastafari.

Using methods from linguistics, ethnomusicology, historiography, religious studies and anthropology, this course is a study of language, music, ideas and culture in Jamaica and its Diaspora. Using Chang's (2014) *Biesik Jumiekan*, students will learn to read, listen to and speak basic Jamaican Creole by practicing the fundamentals in class and by examining the structure of the language through texts and songs. Reggae songs and the Rastafari culture they express form the building blocks of our Jamaican Creole linguistic and cultural research. In addition to reading source writings (Garvey 1923; Athlyi 1925; Howell 1935)an introduction to the history of reggae (Reggae Scrapbook), students will also read critical studies on Rastafari and reggae (Edmonds 2012; Hill 2001; Pollard 1994Chanting Down Babylon).

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Course Objectives

By the conclusion of the course, it is expected that students will:

- Analyze the structure of Jamaican Creole including its phonetics, syntax, morphology, lexicon and orthography.
- Demonstrate the ability to read ~~basic~~ and transcribe basic Jamaican Patwa.
- Interpret Jamaican Creole texts and associated reggae recordings. The class will analyze the history of Jamaican Creole and its relationship to European colonialism and linguistic creolization.
- Identify the relationship of Jamaican Creole to Jamaican cultural expressions like reggae and Rastafari, in addition to calypso, ska, rock steady, dancehall and other genres.
- Assess and categorize Rastafari culture including its history, theology, philosophy, lifestyle, and creative productivity.
- Analyze the socioeconomic and sociolinguistic dimensions of Jamaican Creole, reggae and Rastafari are examined.
- Evaluate the relationship between reggae music and Rastafari ideology and appraise the history and contributions of reggae artists to world culture.
- Identify, analyze and acquire the language and content of reggae songs through reading, listening, transcription and ~~translation~~ interpretation.
- Assemble information and formulate theories about Rastafari sects and the impact of Rastafari internationally (including Nyabingi, Twelve Tribes of Israel, Bobo Shanti, Ethiopian Orthodox, Christafari, etc.).
- Appraise the contributions of artists like Robert “Bob” Nesta Marley, Rita Marley, Peter Tosh, Bunny Wailer, Sister Carol, and others to the internationalization of Jamaican culture and language.

Class requirements

In Jamaican Creole, Reggae and Rastafari, the major assignments are (1) essay abstract (350 words); (2) the essay and bibliography and bibliography (2,000-500 words plus bibliography); (4) two 10-minute presentations the reggae song transcription and translation activity (1,000 words); ~~and the~~ (5) reggae album review (500 words plus bibliography). These assignments constitute a range of specific writing forms, requiring different writing styles, approaches, and formats. In addition, ~~the two~~ class presentations about (1) Rastafari and (2) Reggae the reggae song, transcription and translation activity ~~(4)~~ constitutes a public synthesis:

- The abstract requires concision and conceptual cohesion.
- The essay is expansive and built upon a thesis statement and arguments arranged to enhance the reader’s understanding. Students develop complex arguments, establish a claim and provide effective evidence. The claims in the proposal and research report are focused on relevant aspects of Jamaican Creole, reggae and Rastafari.
- The annotated bibliography is oriented to categorization, organization, format and style.
- The transcription activity-part of the Reggae presentation requires immersive listening and transcribing of lyrical content by means of Jamaican Patwa’s spelling system; translation-transcription is analytical, requiring the ~~translator~~

transcriber to connect the sounds of Patwa to the official spelling of Jamaican Creole (see the Larry Chang textbook and *Di Jamiikan Nyuu Testament*) draw creatively from her or his own linguistic knowledge, in addition to reference works.

- The class presentations about the transcription and translation (1) Rastafari and (2) Reggae calls for organization, preparation and public speaking.
- The reggae album review requires selecting a Jamaican reggae album to be listened to analytically in order to offer an insightful critique of its strengths and weaknesses. A good album review examines the recording's lyrical, thematic, cultural and musical underpinnings in the context of "inter-musical" (intertextual) influences.
- The submission should be a high quality draft. The instructor marks the essay for content, cohesion, organization, argument, style, spelling, format, sources, creativity, and originality. The student may resubmit her or his work in a final draft with all changes, additions and deletions indicated by means of "**Track Changes**" in MS Word in order to receive additional points not exceeding 5%.

Therefore, at the end of this course, students will fulfill the course objectives in several ways:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of the content of Jamaican Patwa language, the form and content of reggae music, and the influence of Rastafari culture on both
2. Produce original, critical analyses of Jamaican Patwa language or culture, using different methods of interpretation and analysis, while identifying and interpreting formal, historical or cultural elements in the Jamaican Patwa texts.
3. Evaluate Jamaican Creole and its expression in song, culture and religion.
2. Document and translate-transcribe Jamaican Creole texts and analyze, reggae and Rastafari.
3. Critique and interpret reggae lyrics in the context of Rastafari and other important themes in Jamaican culture, including women's rights, the struggle for racial equality and justice, the legacies of slavery, colonialism and imperialism, sustainable development, among other themes.
5. Discuss Jamaican Creole, reggae and Rastafari's impact on individuals and society in Jamaica and globally
7. Analyze the linguistic structure and sociolinguistic situation of Jamaican Creole and the Rastafari culture.
8. Listen to, transcribe, translate and interpret Jamaican texts in order to develop skills in Jamaican Patwa and translation.
9. Review a Jamaican reggae album in order to develop skills in writing reviews.

Student Learning Outcomes

At the end of this course, students will be expected to have achieved the following learning outcomes in content, communication and critical thinking:

- **Content:** *Students demonstrate competence in the terminology, concepts, theories and methodologies used within the discipline.* Students will acquire a basic knowledge of

Jamaican Creole, reggae and Rastafari through reading, listening and analyzing course content. Achievement of this learning outcome will be **assessed** through an essay abstract, an essay, a bibliography, song transcription and translation, an album review, quizzes and a midterm and final exam.

- **Communication:** *Students communicate knowledge, ideas and reasoning clearly and effectively in written and oral forms appropriate to the discipline.* Students will participate in class discussions throughout the semester to reflect on assigned readings and listening activities. Achievement of this learning outcome will be **assessed** through student discussions during class time. Students will also present their transcription and translation project to their peers, an activity that encourages public communication.
- **Critical Thinking:** *Students analyze information carefully and logically from multiple perspectives, using discipline-specific methods, and develop reasoned solutions to problems.* Students will prepare an abstract, an essay, and an album review that emphasize critical thinking about Jamaican Creole, reggae music, and Rastafari ideology and their intersections with Jamaican and international culture and society. Students are expected to read critical, peer-reviewed sources in order to present multiple points of view as they construct a strong argument for their claims that takes into account competing approaches. Achievement of this learning outcome will be **assessed** by means of the essay abstract, the essay, the album review, and the midterm and final exams.

Required readings and course content

- 1) **Full text:** Spencer, William David, Adrian Anthony McFarlane, and Nathaniel Samuel Murrell. Chanting down Babylon : The Rastafari Reader. Temple University Press, 1998. Athlyi Rogers, Robert. (1924 [2015]). The Holy Piby: The Black Man's Bible. Edited by W. Gabriel Selassie I. Los Angeles: Orunmilla (81 425 pages).
- 2) **Full text:** Chang, Larry. (2014). *Biesik Jumiekan: Introduction to Jamaican Language.* Washington, D.C.: Chuu Wod. (185 pages)
- 3) **Full text:** ~~Edmonds, Ennis B. (2012). *Rastafari: A Very Short Introduction.* Oxford: Oxford University Press~~ Steffens, Roger and Peter Simon. *Reggae Scrapbook.* San Rafael, California: Insight Editions, 2015. (127 146 pages)
- 4) ~~Full text: Hill, Robert. (2001). *Dread History: Leonard P. Howell and Millenarian Visions in the Early Rastafarian Religion.* Chicago: Frontline. (64 pages)~~
- 3) ~~Full text: Howell, Leonard. (1935 [1995]). *The Promised Key.* Introduction by Ras Miguel. Kingston: Jamaica. (23 pages)~~

Non-required Selected passages resources for Rastafari history

- 5)4) Athlyi Rogers, Robert. (1924 [2015]). *The Holy Piby: The Black Man's Bible.* Edited by W. Gabriel Selassie I. Los Angeles: Orunmilla
- 6)5) ~~Full text: Hill, Robert. (2001). *Dread History: Leonard P. Howell and Millenarian Visions in the Early Rastafarian Religion.* Chicago: Frontline. (64 pages)~~
- 6) Full text: Howell, Leonard. (1935 [1995]). *The Promised Key.* Introduction by Ras Miguel. Kingston: Jamaica. (23 pages)

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- 7) **Selections:** Garvey, Marcus. (1923 & 1925 [1986]). *The Philosophy & Opinions of Marcus Garvey: Or, Africa for the Africans*. Compiled by Amy Jacques Garvey. Dover, Mass: The Majority Press.
- 8) Selassie I, Haile. 2000. *Selected Speeches of Haile Selassie*. New York: One Drop Books.
- 9) **Selections:** Pettersburg, Fitz Balintine. (1925 [2017]). *The Royal Parchment Scroll of Black Supremacy*. Edited by W. Gabriel Selassie. Los Angeles: Orunmilla, Inc.
- 10) **Selections:** Anonymous. 2012. *Di Jamiekan Nyuu Testiment*. The Bible Society of the West Indies. <https://www.bible.com/bible/476/MRK.1.JNT>
Selections: Pollard, Velma. 2000. *Dread talk: the language of Rastafari*. Montreal: McGill-Queen's University Press. (pp. 3-52)

Recommended resources

- 12) **Full text:** Daynes, Sarah. (2010). *Time and memory in reggae music: the politics of hope*. Manchester, UK: Manchester University Press. (264 pages)
- 11) **Out of print (Reserves)**
- 14)12) Marley, Bob. 2001. *Complete lyrics of Bob Marley: songs of freedom*. London: Omnibus.

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Recommended Materials

Modern Language Association of America. 2008. *The MLA Style Manual and Guide to Scholarly Publishing*. 3rd ed. New York: Modern Language Association.

Assignment Descriptions (Total P-oints Possible: 1,000)

Midterm (100 points)

Students will take the midterm exam during a 50-minute period in class. Note that 20% is based on the weekly Bob Marley songs listed in the syllabus. Students are expected to listen to those songs in their own time at home.

Final (100 points)

Students will take the final exam during a 50-minute period in class. Note that 20% is based on the weekly Bob Marley songs listed in the syllabus. Students are expected to listen to those songs in their own time at home.

1,52,000 Word Essay (300 points; Essay 300 points 80%; abstract 20%)

This assignment asks students to write an analysis focused on one or overlapping aspects of Jamaican Creole, reggae and Rastafari, either separately or in some combination. Initially, students are required to submit a title and 350-word abstract for approval. The 2,000-1,500 essay should be structured with an **title, introduction**, including a **thesis statement, 3-6 numbered main section headings with boldface titles, in-depth analysis in the passages, short paragraphs, transitions between paragraphs and**

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sections, and a **conclusion** in order to assist the reader in following your arguments and ideas. The conclusion offers **new insights** while emphasizing the **main arguments** and the **thesis**.

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The essay should follow the Endnote formatting found in *Chanting Down Babylon*, including placing bibliographical information in the Endnotes. You will not have a separate bibliography. Unlike *Chanting Down Babylon*, you are required to submit **a double-spaced, .12 font, Times New Roman** essay with the **word-count clearly noted below your name**. Failure to follow these guidelines results in a 3% reduction on the assignment.

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The essay may examine linguistic, literary, cultural, historical, religious, ethno-musicological, sociological, anthropological, and other aspects of the course. Essays should include ~~a separate bibliography with~~ at least **47** print-sources, **4 reggae sources**, and 3 online-sources. The essay should combine close reading and listening skills with critical concepts, scientific analyses, and historical and cultural information. The goal is for students to produce a strong conceptual argument supported by textual, audiovisual and contextual evidence. **The abstract, essay and bibliography are submitted twice** Students can resubmit their essay for additional points at the end of the semester.

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Chanting Down Babylon presentation 1 (100 points)

This assignment involves presenting a reading from *Chanting Down Babylon*, usually alone or sometimes with a partner. The presenter(s) should read the Chapter and prepare about 6-8 PowerPoint slides to summarize the important parts of the reading. Your presentation should help your classmates better understand the main ideas and arguments in the reading so that they can master the Midterm or Final successfully. Some of the questions to ask are: What is the thesis statement of the Chapter? What are the key arguments the author makes? How does the discussion of Rastafari relate to Jamaican Creole and Reggae? How can we learn from Rastafari and Reggae? How has Rastafari impacted Jamaicans and citizens of the world? What are the cornerstones of this movement?

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Reggae Scrapbook presentation 21,000-word reggae transcription and translation project (10050 points)

This assignment involves presenting a reading from *Reggae Scrapbook* plus one reggae song the book discusses. The presenter should read the passage and prepare about 4 PowerPoint slides to explain and highlight the important parts of the reading. In addition, the presenter should select a song by any artist mentioned in the reading. The song should reflect the historical period discussed in the book. The lyrics of the song should be projected on the class screen. The key ideas, words and structures from the song-text should be discussed as they relate to Jamaican Creole, Reggae and Rastafari.

~~reggae song that you selected to transcribe, translate and interpret (1,000 words). Students are encouraged to select a song that matches their own interests, but the music should be Jamaican. Students have 15 minutes to present.~~ A PowerPoint (or similar/better) presentation is required. Slides should be attractive and uncluttered. Images should be included in the PowerPoint to provide context. Students will be graded on their communication skills, insights, preparation, and ability to connect the course

readings and discussions to their presentation and the reggae lyrics they selected for transcription and analysis. **The transcribed and translated reggae lyrics song are is submitted ~~twice~~online.**

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Presentation on the 1,000-word reggae transcription and translation project (100 points)

~~Students will present their transcription and translation project using different forms of multimedia and technology.~~

500-word reggae album review (100 points)

The 500-word reggae album review is designed to encourage ‘close-listening’ and engagement with a reggae album recording, in addition to recorded or published sources relevant to the focus album. Reviews are concise, probing, employing praise and critique in portions that suit the appraisal. A good review should reveal aspects of the artist’s lyrics, message, style, quality and place within the larger reggae tradition. The review is submitted ~~twice~~once on paper.

Quizzes (200~~150~~ points)

There will be a quiz every fortnight focused on reviewing the material covered in class over the previous two weeks.

Evaluation of Grades

Assignment	Total Points	Percentage of Grade
Midterm	100	10%
Final	100	10%
2,000 1,500 Word Essay	300	30%
1,000 word reggae transcription and translation project 10 minute Reggae Scrapbook presentation + 5 minutes for questions on a reading from Reggae Scrapbook	150	10 5 %
10 minute Chanting Down Babylon Presentation + 5 minutes for questions on the 1,000 word reggae transcription and translation project a chapter from Chanting Down Babylon	100	10%
500-word reggae album review	100	10%
Quizzes	20 50	20 5%

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TOTAL	1000	100%
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Grading Scale & GPA equivalent:

Percent	Grade	Grade Points
93.4-100	A	4.00
90.0-93.3	A-	3.67
86.7-89.9	B+	3.33
83.4-86.6	B	3.00
80.0-83.3	B-	2.67
76.7-79.9	C+	2.33
73.4-76.6	C	2.00
70.0-73.3	C-	1.67
66.7-69.9	D+	1.33
63.4-66.6	D	1.00
60.0-63.3	D-	0.67
0-59.9	E	0.00

More information on grades and grading policies is here:
<https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx>

Writing assessment rubric

	SATISFACTORY (Y)	UNSATISFACTORY (N)
CONTENT	Papers exhibit at least some evidence of ideas that respond to the topic with complexity, critically evaluating and synthesizing sources, and provide at least an adequate discussion with basic understanding of sources.	Papers either include a central idea(s) that is unclear or off-topic or provide only minimal or inadequate discussion of ideas. Papers may also lack sufficient or appropriate sources.
ORGANIZATION AND COHERENCE	Documents and paragraphs exhibit at least some identifiable structure for topics, including a clear thesis statement but may require readers to work to follow progression of ideas.	Documents and paragraphs lack clearly identifiable organization, may lack any coherent sense of logic in associating and organizing ideas, and may also lack transitions and coherence to guide the reader.

ARGUMENT AND SUPPORT	Documents use persuasive and confident presentation of ideas, strongly supported with evidence. At the weak end of the Satisfactory range, documents may provide only generalized discussion of ideas or may provide adequate discussion but rely on weak support for arguments.	Documents make only weak generalizations, providing little or no support, as in summaries or narratives that fail to provide critical analysis.
STYLE	Documents use a writing style with word choice appropriate to the context, genre, and discipline. Sentences should display complexity and logical sentence structure. At a minimum, documents will display a less precise use of vocabulary and an uneven use of sentence structure or a writing style that occasionally veers away from word choice or tone appropriate to the context, genre, and discipline.	Documents rely on word usage that is inappropriate for the context, genre, or discipline. Sentences may be overly long or short with awkward construction. Documents may also use words incorrectly.
MECHANICS	Papers will feature correct or error-free presentation of ideas. At the weak end of the Satisfactory range, papers may contain some spelling, punctuation, or grammatical errors that remain unobtrusive so they do not muddy the paper's argument or points.	Papers contain so many mechanical or grammatical errors that they impede the reader's understanding or severely undermine the writer's credibility.

General Rubric: This will be used for all writing and presentation assignments.

*modified from UC Davis composition rubric

	<u>A: 90 – 100</u>	<u>B: 80 – 90</u>	<u>C: 70 – 80</u>	<u>D: 60 – 70</u>	<u>E: < 60</u>
<u>Ideas (40pts)</u>	<u>Excels in responding to the assignment. Demonstrates sophisticated thinking. Central ideas are clearly communicated and complexity of ideas are presented. Understands and critically evaluates and</u>	<u>A solid paper or presentation, mostly responding to the assignment. Clear statement of ideas, but may have some minor issues or incomplete discussions. Shows careful reading of sources, but perhaps not as sophisticated of use of sources.</u>	<u>Paper or presentation responds to the assignment but weakly. There is a central idea, but it is not sufficiently described and communicated. Often very general thoughts presented. (28-32)</u>	<u>Does not present a clear idea or respond full/appropriately to the assignment. Central idea is vague. (24-28)</u>	<u>Does not respond to the assignment. Lacks central idea. (0-24)</u>

	<u>cites sources. (36-40)</u>	<u>(32-36)</u>			
<u>Organization and Coherence (30pts)</u>	<u>Logically structured paper or presentation for its purpose. Paper or presentation guides the reader or listener through a progression of ideas. (27-30)</u>	<u>Shows a logical progression of ideas and uses fairly sophisticated transitional devices. Some logical links are absent or faulty. Each paragraph matches the central idea of the paper or presentation. (24-27)</u>	<u>Lists ideas or includes central ideas, but not in an organized structure. Uses transitions simply and sequentially. On their own, each paragraph responds to the central idea, but it isn't synthetically structure. Some lack of coherence in sentences. (21-24)</u>	<u>Random organization with no real structured coherence. Paragraphs lack structure and not all sections relate directly to central idea. (18-21)</u>	<u>No organization lacks coherence. (0-18)</u>
<u>Support (10pts)</u>	<u>Uses evidence appropriately and effectively. (9-10)</u>	<u>Begins to offer reasons to support paper or presentation's key points and often using a variety of evidence/sources. Makes connections between ideas and evidence, but doesn't fully use evidence effectively. (8-9)</u>	<u>Uses generalization or opinions to support its points. Uses examples, but they aren't directly connected or relevant. Personal experience and assumptions are common. (7-8)</u>	<u>Clichés and overgeneralizations are relied upon with little reference to resources or evidence. Personal narrative dominates informed narrative. (6-7)</u>	<u>Uses irrelevant details or lacks supporting evidence. (0-6)</u>
<u>Style (10pts)</u>	<u>Chooses words with precision and uses specificity. Sentences are clearly structured and carefully focused, not rambling. (9-10)</u>	<u>Uses words accurately and effectively but not necessarily with precision. Sentences are clear, structured, and focused, though some may be awkward or incomplete. (8-9)</u>	<u>Uses vague and general words. May use some inappropriate language. Sentences are structured correctly, but perhaps unfocused, repetitive or confusing. (7-8)</u>	<u>Vague, abstract, and personal in content. Several awkward sentences. Sentence structure is simple and doesn't facilitate understanding. (6-7)</u>	<u>Awkward sentences throughout. Misuse of words. Inappropriate language. (0-6)</u>
<u>Mechanics (10pts)</u>	<u>Entirely free of spelling, punctuation, and grammatical errors. (9-10)</u>	<u>Contains a small amount of errors that challenge the reader or listener, but don't interfere with understanding. (8-9)</u>	<u>Several mechanical errors that interfere with meaning, but don't impede overall understanding. (7-8)</u>	<u>Many mechanical errors that challenge meaning. Hard to understand connections. (6-7)</u>	<u>Many mechanical errors making it impossible to understand. (0-6)</u>

Class Attendance and Make-Up Policy

Class attendance is expected. ~~Each~~ Every unexcused absence will result in a ~~540~~-point (~~0.54~~%) reduction in the final grade. Therefore 4 absences are equivalent to 2% reduced from the final grade. Each late arrival to class will result in a ~~2.55~~-point (~~.25~~%) reduction in the final grade.

Late work is penalized at a reduction of 5% per class period if work is not turned in at the beginning of class.

Requirements for class attendance and make-up exams, assignments, and other work in this course are consistent with university policies that can be found in the online catalog at: <https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx>

Excused absences are consistent with university policies in the undergraduate catalog and require appropriate documentation.

Students who can demonstrate that they were unable to submit an assignment by the deadline due to an excused absence and who can provide appropriate documentation for the absence will be given a reasonable period of time to make up the late work.

Students Requiring Accommodations

Students with disabilities requesting accommodations should first register with the Disability Resource Center (352-392-8565, www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/) by providing appropriate documentation. Once registered, students will receive an accommodation letter that must be presented to the instructor when requesting accommodation. Students with disabilities should follow this procedure as early as possible in the semester.

Course Evaluation

Students are expected to provide feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing online evaluations at <https://evaluations.ufl.edu>. Evaluations are typically open during the last two or three weeks of the semester, but students will be given specific times when they are open. Summary results of these assessments are available to students at <https://evaluations.ufl.edu/results/>

Class Demeanor

Students are expected to arrive to class on time and behave in a manner that is respectful to the instructor and to fellow students. Please avoid the use of cell phones and restrict eating to outside of the classroom. Opinions held by other students should be respected in discussion, and conversations that do not contribute to the discussion should be held at minimum, if at all.

Materials and Supplies Fees

There are no additional fees for this course.

University Honesty Policy

UF students are bound by The Honor Pledge that states, “We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honor and integrity by abiding by the Honor Code. On all work submitted for credit by students at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied: “On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment.” The Honor Code (<https://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/process/student-conduct-honor-code/>) specifies a number of behaviors that are in violation of this code and the possible sanctions. Furthermore, you are obligated to report any condition that facilitates academic misconduct to appropriate personnel. If you have any questions or concerns, please consult with the instructor in this class.

Counseling and Wellness Center

Contact information for the Counseling and Wellness Center:
<http://www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc/Default.aspx>, 392-1575; and the University Police Department: 392-1111 or 9-1-1 for emergencies.

Writing Studio

The writing studio is committed to helping University of Florida students meet their academic and professional goals by becoming better writers. Visit the writing studio online at <http://writing.ufl.edu/writing-studio/> or in 302 Tigert Hall for one-on-one consultations and workshops.

Weekly Schedule for Jamaican Creole, Reggae and Rastafari

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Weekly Schedule of Topics

(1) ~~Jan. 7-11~~ **Aug 21-23**, Themes: The Origins of Jamaican Creole; Rastafari linguistics; early Rastafari writings;

	<u>Readings</u>	<u>Presenters</u>
<u>Monday</u>	<u>No class</u>	<u>No class</u>
<u>1. Wednesday</u>	<u>Introduction; syllabus</u>	
<u>2. Friday</u>	<u>Scrapbook: Skavoovie + Skatalites + Jimmy Cliff</u> <u>Chang, 17-18</u>	

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Week 1 — JC texts: Origins of Jamaican Creole: Aboriginal Legacy; Iberian Touch; the British Stamp; West African Roots (Chang 2014: 17-35);

Theory: “Dread Talk — The Speech of the Rastafari in Jamaica” [Chapter 1] (Pollard 2000: 3-17); *The Holy Piby*, pp.1-16 (Athlyi 1924)

Bob Marley: “Slave Driver (Marley 2001:137); “Small Axe” (Marley 2001:139); “So Much Things To Say” (Marley 2001:147-148)

(2) ~~Jan. 14-18~~ **Aug 26-30**, Themes: The Structure of Jamaican Creole, part I; The Social History of Dread Talk; early Rastafari writings

	<u>Readings</u>	<u>Presenters</u>
<u>3. Monday</u>	<u>Scrapbook: Joe Higgs + Toots & the Maytals + Beverly Kelso</u> <u>Chang, 19-21</u>	<u>1.</u>
<u>4. Wednesday</u>	<u>Scrapbook: Get Ready, Rock Steady + Alton Ellis and Bob Andy + Coxson Dodd</u> <u>Chang, 22-25</u>	<u>1.</u>
<u>5. Friday: Quiz</u>	<u>Scrapbook: Delroy Wilson, Ken Boothe, The Techniques</u> <u>Chang, 26-29</u>	<u>1.</u>

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Week 2 — JC texts: Grammar of Jamaican Creole: Basic; Nouns; Pronominals; Verbals; Negatives; Copula; Verbal flexibility; Adverbs; Adjectives (Chang 2014: 39-59);

Theory: “The Social History of Dread Talk” [Chapter 2] (Pollard 2000:18-29); *The Holy Piby*, pp.17-30 (Athlyi 1924)

Bob Marley: “So Much Trouble in the World” (Marley 2001:149-150); “Stir It Up”

(Marley 2001:155); “Sun Is Shining” (Marley 2001:156)

(3) ~~Jan. 21–15~~ Sep 4-5, Themes: The Structure of Jamaican Creole, part II; The Impact of Dread Talk in the Caribbean

	<u>Readings</u>	<u>Presenters</u>
<u>Monday</u>	<u>Holiday</u>	<u>Holiday</u>
<u>6. Wednesday</u>	<u><i>Chanting down 1</i></u> <u><i>Chang, 30-32</i></u>	<u>1.</u>
<u>7. Friday</u>	<u><i>Chanting down 2</i></u> <u><i>Chang, 33-35</i></u>	<u>1.</u>

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~~Week 3 — JC texts: Orthography of Jamaican Creole: Phonemic system; Ways of speaking; Short vowels; Long vowels; Nasalized vowels; Vowel clusters; Consonants; Contractions; Conversion (Chang 2014: 63-75). Vocabulary of Jamaican Creole: Number; Time; Quality; Place; Connections; People; Body; Eating; Technology (Chang 2014: 79-86);~~

~~Theory: *Dread History*, pp. 3-10 (Hill 2001); *The Holy Piby*, pp. 31-44 (Athlyi 1924); “The Social History of Dread Talk” [Chapter 2] (Pollard 2000: 30-41)~~

Bob Marley: “Three Little Birds” (Marley 2001: 164); “Them Belly Full (But We Hungry)” (Marley 2001:162-163); “Trench Town” (Marley 2001:166-167)

(4) ~~Jan. 28-Feb. 1~~ Sep 7-11, Themes: Jamaican Creole Idioms, Proverbs and Historical Texts; The Impact of Dread Talk; The history of Rastafari

	<u>Readings</u>	<u>Presenters</u>
<u>8. Monday</u>	<u><i>Chanting down 3</i></u> <u><i>Scrapbook: Israel Vibration</i></u> <u><i>Chang, 39-41</i></u>	<u>1.</u> <u>2. Scrapbook:</u>
<u>9. Wednesday</u>	<u><i>Chanting down 4</i></u> <u><i>Scrapbook: Rastafari Is + H.I.M.</i></u> <u><i>Chang, 42-44</i></u>	<u>1.</u> <u>2. Scrapbook:</u>
<u>10. Friday: Quiz</u>	<u><i>Chanting down 5</i></u> <u><i>Scrapbook: the Heptones + Ganja</i></u> <u><i>Chang, 45-47</i></u>	<u>1.</u> <u>2. Scrapbook:</u>

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~~Week 4 — JC texts: Vocabulary of Jamaican Creole continued: Idioms; Proverbs; Klaat (Expletives); Chriesin (Insults); Rigl mi dis (Riddles); Plie plie (Rhymes and ring games); (Chang 2014: 83-111).~~

~~Theory: Edmonds (2012), Chapter 1; *Dread History*, pp. 11-22 (Hill 2001); *The Holy Piby*, pp. 45-60 (Athlyi 1924); “The Social History of Dread Talk” [Chapter 2] (Pollard 2000: 41-52)~~

Bob Marley: “Waiting in Vain” (Marley 2001:170-171); “Wake Up And Live” (Marley 2001: 172-173); “Who The Cap Fit” (Marley 2001:179); “Work” (Marley 2001:184)

(5) Feb. 4-8 Sep 14-18, Themes: The Folklore of Jamaican Creole; The Emergence of Rastafari and Reggae in Jamaica; Livivity in Rastafari

	<u>Readings</u>	<u>Presenters</u>
<u>11. Monday</u>	<u>Chanting down 6</u> <u>Scrapbook: Do the Reggae</u> <u>Chang, 48</u>	<u>1.</u> <u>2. Scrapbook:</u>
<u>12. Wednesday</u>	<u>Chanting down 7</u> <u>Scrapbook: The Harder They Come</u> <u>Chang, 49-50</u>	<u>1.</u> <u>2. Scrapbook:</u>
<u>13. Friday</u>	<u>Chanting down 8</u> <u>Scrapbook: Burning Spear</u> <u>Chang, 51-52</u>	<u>1.</u> <u>2. Scrapbook:</u>

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Week 5—JC texts: Kuako; Imansipieshan Anivoersri Piieh; Tukuma Kaanpiis (Chang 2014: 115-118); Wamek Tomblotd Ruol ina Dong; Anansi Mek Grong; Anansi ah Kaman Sens; Ziino Paradax; Bongo Mulata; King Banaana; Kuashi tu Bakra (Chang 2014: 119-125);

Theory: Edmonds (2012), Chapter 2; *Dread History*, pp. 22-35; *The Holy Piby*, pp. 61-81 (Athlyi 1924); “The Globalization and the Language of Rastafari” [Chapter 6] (Pollard 2000: 96-110)

Bob Marley: “Zimbabwe” (Marley 2001:185-186); “Zion Train” (Marley 2001: 187)

(6) Feb. 11-15 Sep 21-25, Themes: Jamaican Creole Masterpieces; Early writings in Ethiopianism; Rastafari history; The Mansions of Rastafari

	<u>Readings</u>	<u>Presenters</u>
<u>14. Monday</u>	<u>Chanting down 9</u> <u>Scrapbook: The Heptones</u> <u>Chang, 53-56</u>	<u>1.</u> <u>2. Scrapbook:</u>
<u>15. Wednesday</u>	<u>Chanting down 10</u> <u>Scrapbook: Jacob Miller</u> <u>Chang, 57-59</u>	<u>1.</u> <u>2. Scrapbook:</u>
<u>16. Friday: Quiz</u>	<u>Chanting down 11</u> <u>Scrapbook: Johnny</u> <u>Osbourne</u> <u>Chang, 63-64</u>	<u>1.</u> <u>2. Scrapbook:</u>

Week 6—JC texts: Di Gobna Salari; Nat libm Likl Tuang; Jumioka Langwij; Tengki, Mis Luu, Tengki; Langwij Baria (Chang 2014:126-132).

Theory: Edmonds (2012), Chapter 3; *The Promised Key*, pp. 1-19 (Introduction by W. Gabriel Selassie); *Dread History*, pp. 35-49.

Bob Marley: “Babylon System” (Marley 2001:10); “Blackman Redemption” (Marley 2001:13);

~~500-word jamaican reggae album review due on friday~~

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(7) ~~Feb. 18-22~~ Sep 23-27, Themes: The Jamaican Creole Bible Translation; Early Rastafari writings; Rastafari internationally

	<u>Readings</u>	<u>Presenters</u>
<u>17. Monday</u>	<u>Chanting down 12</u> <u>Scrapbook: Lee “Scratch” Perry</u> <u>Chang, 65-66</u>	<u>1.</u> <u>2. Scrapbook:</u>
<u>18. Wednesday</u>	<u>Chanting down 13</u> <u>Scrapbook: Judy Mowatt</u> <u>Chang, 67-68</u>	<u>1.</u> <u>2. Scrapbook:</u>
<u>19. Friday</u>	<u>Chanting down 14</u> <u>Scrapbook: Marcia Griffiths</u> <u>Chang, 69-72</u> <u>500-word Jamaican reggae album review for Rolling Stone due</u>	<u>1.</u> <u>2. Scrapbook:</u>

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Week 7—JC texts: A Wa Yu Naa Se; Luuk 1; Saam 91; 1 Karintianz 13; Dip Dem Bedwad; Die Da Lait; Livnin Taim (Chang 2014:134-142);

Theory: Edmonds (2012), Chapter 4; *The Promised Key*, pp. 23-28

Bob Marley: “Buffalo Soldier” (Marley 2001:15); “Burnin’ and Lootin’” (Marley 2001:18-19); “Concrete Jungle” (Marley 2001:29)

~~REVIEW ON WEDNESDAY AND MIDTERM EXAM ON FRIDAY~~

(8) ~~Sep 30-Oct 2~~ Feb. 25-March 1, Themes: Traditional Jamaican Creole Songs; Gender issues in Rastafari

	<u>Readings</u>	<u>Presenters</u>
<u>20. Monday</u>	<u>Chanting down 15</u> <u>Scrapbook: Spreading the Beat</u> <u>Chang, 73-75</u>	<u>1.</u> <u>2. Scrapbook:</u>
<u>21. Wednesday</u>	<u>MIDTERM EXAM</u>	<u>MIDTERM EXAM</u>
<u>Friday</u>	<u>Homecoming – No class</u>	<u>Homecoming – No class</u>

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Week 8 — JC texts: Banyan Chrii; Elena; Man Piaba; Manggo Taim; Linstid Maakit; Du No Toch Mi Tumieto; Nobadi Bizniz (Chang 2014:143-149). *Di Jamiekan Nyuu Testament*, Maak 1-2

Theory: Edmonds (2012), Chapter 5; *The Promised Key*, pp. 28-38.

Bob Marley: “Crisis” (Marley 2001:35); “Duppy Conqueror” (Marley 2001:43); “Exodus” (Marley 2001:48-49)

~~350-word abstract first draft due on Friday of week 8~~

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(9) ~~March, 11-15~~ **Oct 7-11**, Themes: Contemporary Jamaican Creole Songs; Rastafari and Caribbean culture

	Readings	Presenters
<u>22. Monday</u>	<u><i>Chanting down 16</i></u> <u><i>Chang, 79-82</i></u>	<u>1.</u>
	350-word abstract first draft due on Friday of week 8	
<u>23. Wednesday</u>	<u><i>Chanting down 17</i></u> <u><i>Scrapbook: Bob Marley</i></u> <u><i>Chang, 83-85</i></u>	<u>1.</u> <u>2. Scrapbook:</u>
<u>24. Friday</u>	<u><i>Scrapbook: Peter Tosh</i></u> <u><i>Chang, 86-87</i></u>	<u>1. Scrapbook:</u>

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Week 9 — JC texts: A Yu Mi Waah Fi de Wid; Tog No Shuo Lob; Swiit ah Dandi; Wain Pah Piepa; Uufa Grani; Fi mi Mada (Chang 2014:150-155); *Di Jamiekan Nyuu Testament*, Maak 3-4

Theory: Edmonds (2012), Chapter 6; *The Promised Key*, pp. 38-47.

Bob Marley: “Forever Loving Jah” (Marley 2001: 51- 52); “Fussing and Fighting” (Marley 2001: 54); “Get Up, Stand Up” (Marley 2001: 55-56); “Give Thanks and Praises” (Marley 2001: 57)

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(10) ~~March 18-22~~ Oct 14-18, Themes: Translations into Jamaican Creole; Speeches of Haile Selassie I; Writings of Marcus Garvey

	<u>Readings</u>	<u>Presenters</u>
<u>25. Monday</u>	<i>Scrapbook: Steel Pulse Chang, 88-89</i>	<u>1.</u>
<u>26. Wednesday</u>	<i>Chanting down 18 Chang, 90-91</i>	<u>1.</u>
<u>27. Friday: Quiz</u>	<u>NO CLASS: HAITIAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION</u>	<u>In lieu of class you are required to attend one talk of your choice at the HSA on Thursday or Friday of this week at the Reitz Union</u>

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~~Week 10—JC texts: Di Ruod a di Jred; Di Wie; Sata; Sebm lej a Man; Di Piiriad (Chang 2014:156-162); Di Jamiekan Nyuu Testiment, Maak 5-6~~

~~Theory: Selected Speeches of His Imperial Majesty Haile Selassie I; Selections from *The Philosophy and Opinions of Marcus Garvey* (1923), pp. 1-7;~~

~~Bob Marley: Guiltiness (Marley 2001: 59); Jah Live (Marley 2001: 78); Jamming (Marley 2001: 79-80)~~

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(11) ~~March 25-29~~ Oct 21-25, Themes: Contemporary Jamaican Creole; Speeches of Haile Selassie I; Writings of Marcus Garvey;

	<u>Readings</u>	<u>Presenters</u>
<u>28. Monday</u>	<i>Scrapbook: Joseph “Culture” Hill + Junior Reid on Hugh Mundell Chang, 92-94</i>	<u>1.</u>
<u>29. Wednesday</u>	<i>Chanting down 19 Chang, 95-96</i>	<u>1.</u>
<u>30. Friday</u>	<i>Scrapbook: Dennis Brown + A Fable by Gregory Isaacs Chang, 97-99</i>	<u>1.</u>

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~~Week 11—JC texts: Sens Outa Nansens; Gashanami Jeri; Get Flat; Jongk Fuud (Chang 2014: 163-170); Di Jamiekan Nyuu Testiment, Maak 8-9~~

~~Theory: Selected Speeches of His Imperial Majesty Haile Selassie I; Selections from *The Philosophy and Opinions of Marcus Garvey* (1923), pp. 7-14;~~

~~Bob Marley: “Kaya” (Marley 2001:82); “Lively Up Yourself” (Marley 2001:85-6);~~

“Natty Dread/Knotty Dread” (Marley 2001:94-95); “Natural Mystic” (Marley 2001:96)

1,000-WORD REGGAE SONG TRANSCRIPTION DUE ON MONDAY

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(12) April 1-5 Oct 28-Nov 1, Themes: Contemporary Jamaican Creole Prose, part I; Speeches of Haile Selassie I; Writings of Marcus Garvey

	<u>Readings</u>	<u>Presenters</u>
<u>31. Monday</u>	<u><i>Scrapbook: Reggae Gone International + Festivals</i></u> <u>Chang, 100-101</u>	<u>1.</u>
<u>32. Wednesday</u>	<u><i>Chanting down 20</i></u> <u>Chang, 102-103</u>	<u>1.</u>
<u>33. Friday: Quiz</u>	<u><i>Scrapbook: Worries in de dance + Sound systems</i></u> <u>Chang, 104-105</u>	<u>1.</u>

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Week 12—JC texts: Di Niti Griti; Wa Relivant; Uomsik A lik (Chang 2014: 171-173); *Di Jamiakan Nyuu Testament*, Maak 10-12

Theory: Selected Speeches of His Imperial Majesty Haile Selassie I; Selections from *The Philosophy and Opinions of Marcus Garvey* (1923), pp. 15-35;

Bob Marley: “Soul Rebel” (Marley 2001: 151); “Roots” (Marley 2001:126-127)

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(13) April 8-12 Nov 4-8, Themes: Contemporary Jamaican Creole Prose, part I; Speeches of Haile Selassie I; Writings of Marcus Garvey;

	<u>Readings</u>	<u>Presenters</u>
<u>34. Monday</u>	<u><i>Scrapbook: Ninjaman + Lady Saw</i></u> <u>Chang, 106-107</u>	<u>1.</u>
<u>35. Wednesday</u>	<u><i>Chanting down 21</i></u> <u>Chang, 108-109</u>	<u>1.</u>
<u>36. Friday</u>	<u><i>Scrapbook: Pasa Pasa + Buju Banton</i></u> <u>Chang, 110-111</u>	<u>1.</u>

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Week 13—JC texts: Aal Bakra A No Di Siem Bakra; Liroz Die Dopu Tuori (Chang 2014: 176-179); *Di Jamiakan Nyuu Testament*, Maak 13-14

Theory: Selected Speeches of His Imperial Majesty Haile Selassie I; Selections from *The*

Philosophy and Opinions of Marcus Garvey (1923), pp. 36-58;

Bob Marley: “One Love: (Marley 2001:105); “Rasta Man Chant” (Marley 2001:111); “Rastaman Live Up” (Marley 2001:112)

350-word abstract + 2,000-word essay final draft due on Friday

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(14) **April 15-19/Nov 13-15, Themes: The Coming of Age of Jamaican Creole; Speeches of Haile Selassie I; Writings of Marcus Garvey**

	Readings	Presenters
Monday	Holiday	Holiday
37. Wednesday	<i>Scrapbook: Pass it on + Inna de yard Chang, 128-129</i>	1.
38. Friday: Quiz	<i>Scrapbook: The Marley Kids Chang, 135-137</i>	1.

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Week 14 — JC texts: Risppek Fi Wi Uon; Koleharal Rebaluushan; Epilag: isehri pah ‘i tip a mi tong (Chang 2014: 181-183); *Di Jamiekan Nyuu Testament*, Maak 15-16

Theory: Selected Speeches of His Imperial Majesty Haile Selassie I; Selections from *The Philosophy and Opinions of Marcus Garvey* (1923), pp. 59-78

Bob Marley: “Redemption Song” (Marley 2001:119); “Ride Natty Ride” (Marley 2001:123-124); “Selassie is the Chapel” (Marley 2001:133)

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Monday _____ Wednesday _____ Friday _____

(15) **April 22-24/Nov 18-22, Themes: Livity, Hermeneutics and Theology**

	Readings	Presenters
39. Monday	<i>Chanting down 22 Chang, 141, 143, 145</i> 350-word abstract + 1,500-word essay advanced draft due	1.
40. Wednesday	<i>Scrapbook: Morgan Heritage Chang, 147, 148</i>	1.
41. Friday	<i>Chanting down Appendix 1 Chang, 152, 170</i>	1.

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(16) Nov 25, Themes: The Rasta Academy and the Jamaican Creole language movement

	<u>Readings</u>	<u>Presenters</u>
<u>42. Monday</u>	<u>Chanting down Appendix 2</u> <u>Chang, 181, 182</u>	<u>1.</u>
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thanksgiving</u>	<u>Thanksgiving</u>
<u>Friday</u>	<u>Thanksgiving</u>	<u>Thanksgiving</u>

(17) Dec 2-4, Themes: Review and Final Exam

	<u>Readings</u>	<u>Presenters</u>
<u>43. Monday</u>	<u>Review</u>	<u>Make up day</u>
<u>44. Wednesday</u>	<u>Final Exam</u>	<u>Final Exam</u>
<u>No class</u>	<u>No class</u>	<u>Final Draft of the Essay</u> <u>due online on Friday Dec.</u> <u>6 before 11:59 pm</u>

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Week 15 — REVIEW ON MONDAY AND FINAL EXAM ON WEDNESDAY

