Intro to African American Studies

AFA 2000 – Section 7H58 – Fall 2013
African American Studies Program – The University of Florida
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Catalog Description

An integrated interdisciplinary exploration of selected themes and representative materials in the African-American experience in North America, emphasizing continuity and change. (H) (WR) 4000.

Course Description

The experience of Africans in America and the Diaspora is broad and deep. The study of that experience will be examined, beginning in Africa, the birthplace of civilization and humanity and will extend to the history of blacks in America. It is impossible to capture each element of the journey, but our analysis will be an interdisciplinary approach to explore some of the political, cultural, economic, artistic and social themes that illustrate the influence of the construction of African American realities in the past and present. Class sessions will be composed of lectures, discussions, exercises, film screenings, media and textual analysis in an online format.

Course Objectives

Students will 1) obtain a general introduction to the origins of African American Studies 2) Identify theories and theorists of African American Studies 3) demonstrate an understanding of basic concepts common in discourse about African Americans that includes beliefs, cultures and conditions 4) be able to summarize a general historical overview of the history of African Americans 5) Explain some of the contemporary socio-cultural issues facing African Americans, 6) Develop critical analysis and research skills.

Requirements and Evaluation

Class Participation/Attendance 5%
Weekly participation and completion of all assignments will be assessed to determine your participation/attendance grade.

Peer Review Article Quizzes 5%
In modules 2 through 4 and 6 through 9 students will be expected to demonstrate mastery of the material in the assigned peer reviewed articles for the week via a multiple choice quiz. The allotted time for the quiz is 1 hour and can be started at anytime from noon Monday until 11:00 PM Sunday Night. Failure to start the quiz by 10:00 PM Sunday Night will result in a zero with no chance for make-up.

Module Chapter Quizzes 10%
In modules 2 through 4 and 6 through 9 students will be expected to demonstrate mastery of the material in the book chapters for the week via a multiple choice quiz. The allotted time for the quiz is 1 hour and can be started at
anytime from noon Monday until 11:00 PM Sunday Night. Failure to start the quiz by 10:00 PM Sunday Night will result in a zero with no chance for make-up.

**Midterm Quiz** 15%

In **module 5**, students will be expected to demonstrate mastery of the material from modules 2 through 5 via a multiple choice quiz. The allotted time for the quiz is 3 hours and can be started at anytime from Noon Monday until 7:00 PM Sunday evening (Quiz is due by 10:00 PM).

**Weekly Discussion Question responses totaling 7 pages t (1500 Words)** 25%

In **modules 2 through 9**, students will be expected to develop a critical analysis to the weekly discussion board question. Each discussion question will be a topic developed from the selected chapters in the module. In answering the question in an initial response, students will identify theories and concepts that are in the selected chapters and explain why those theories and concepts answer the question. Each initial response to the question will be 1 page in length, double spaced, 12 point font and includes at least 2 CITATIONS FROM THE SELECTED CHAPTERS!!! Initial responses will be graded on a 10 point scale. See the grading rubric for the discussion question at the end of the syllabus. After the initial response to the question is posted, students will respond to at least 2 different initial responses of their classmates in at least 3 or more sentences. Failure to post initial 1 page double spaced response by 11:59 PM Thursday will result in a half grade deduction for the assignment. Failure to post 2 rebuttal statements by 11:59 PM Friday will also result in a half grade deduction for the assignment. Failure complete both tasks in the allotted time frame will result in a ZERO for the assignment.

**Current Events analysis 3 pages (750 Words)** 10%

Research and Write a three page critical analysis on an article of choice on any topic concerning the African American experience. Your analysis of the article should entail a brief summary of the main research question, the data used, alternatives addressed, and main findings. The article must come from the JSTOR database or the selected websites at bottom of syllabus and must not have been published before January 2008. The paper is due at **11:59 PM Sunday night**. The paper should be 3 pages, typed, double-spaced, one-inch margins, 12-point Times New Roman font. There must be at least 6 citations from the selected article throughout the paper. Failure to follow the directions for any part of the assignment will result in deductions for at the instructor’s discretion. Failure to turn in the assignment by the due date and time will result in a zero for the assignment. (See bottom of syllabus for instruction on how to access the JSTOR Database)

**Research Paper 8 pages (1800 Words)** 15%

Research and write an 8 page paper on a specific topic from the book that concerns the African American experience. The paper must include at least 6 references including the “From Slavery to Freedom” textbook. Articles from JSTOR, News Organizations (i.e. New York Times, CNN) and Youtube videos may also be used for citation. Below are 6 topics that can be chosen:

1. Explain the paradox of Slavery and Freedom during the American Revolution (Chapter 5)

2. What are the similarities and differences between the Slave Codes in the Antebellum period, Black codes during the Reconstruction Period, and Jim Crow laws in the South after 1900 (Chapter 8, Chapter 11, Chapter 12)

3. How did Harriet Tubman, Mary McLeod Bethune, and Rosa Parks contribute to the various movements that they were apart of? Movements to consider in this analysis include the Abolitionist movement during the Antebellum period, The New Deal Era, and the Civil Rights movement. (Chapter 8, Chapter 17, Chapter 20)
4. Describe the Pan African movements of W.E.B. Dubois, Marcus Garvey, and Malcolm X. After describing all three movements, explain which one do you feel was the most effective in encouraging unity between black people globally. (Chapter 14, Chapter 15, Chapter 21)

5. Compare and Contrast the ideologies of Malcolm X and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr between 1955 and 1965. How did these ideologies between the two men help establish the foundation for the Civil Rights acts of 1964/1965 and the Black power movement? (Chapter 20, Chapter 21)

6. Is the election of Barack Obama the realization of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr’s dream? Why or why not? (Chapter 20, Chapter 23)

Final Quiz 15%

The final quiz will be a multiple choice assessment that will test your knowledge of all material presented in the course.

Requirements and Evaluation at a Glance

1. Participation 5%
2. Peer Review Quizzes 5%
3. Module Chapter Quizzes 10%
4. Midterm Quiz 15%
5. Weekly Discussions 25%
6. Current Events Summary 10%
7. Research Paper 15%
8. Final Quiz 15%

Grading Scale


Presentation of Work

All written assignments must be typed, double-spaced using Times Roman 12 point font in MS Word with 250 WORDS PER PAGE. You must use a standard one-inch margin – no Bold-faced or large fonts. Use the style APA, MLA or Chicago that is used in your academic discipline. All pages should be numbered. Do not include a cover sheet. Put identifying information in the top, right corner, single spaced. The assignment title or paper title may be centered.

University of Florida Honor Code

Each student in this course is expected to abide by the University of Florida’s Student Honor Code and Code of Conduct. Any work submitted by a student in this course for academic credit will be the student's own work. Do not plagiarize. All work must be cited. Students suspected of academic dishonesty or of violating the Honor Code will be reported to the Dean of Students Office. To learn more about the UF policy regarding Academic Honesty, please visit: http://www.dso.ufl.edu/judicial/academic.php

Evaluation of all Assignments Criteria

1) Quality, scope and organization of documentation; 2) Clarity and coherence of expression; 3) Spelling,
Grammar and Punctuation; 4) Quality of critical analysis; 5) Demonstration of an understanding of information and concepts addressed in the readings and/or discussed in class; 6) Following directions and completing assignments on time. See Grading rubric for specified distribution of points. UF has an online writing for students Visit their site at http://web.cwoc.ufl.edu/owl

**Required Textbook**


**General Education Learning Outcomes**

AFA 2000 is a 4000 (approximately 16-18 pages) word Gordon Rule course which satisfies the General Education requirements for Humanities (H). You must complete and turn in at least 4000 words of evaluated writing during the semester in order to receive credit. You must earn a grade of “C” or better to earn general education credit.

**Student Learning Outcomes - Content and Skills**

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<th>Humanities</th>
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<td>Know the history, underlying theories and methodologies used within the discipline of African American Studies</td>
<td>Identify and analyze key elements, biases and influences that shape thought within African American Studies. Approach issues and problems within that discipline from multiple perspectives</td>
<td>Communicate knowledge, thoughts, and reasoning clearly and effectively in forms appropriate to African American Studies, individually and/or in groups</td>
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**Introduction to African American Studies Course Outline**

**Module 1- African American Studies Introduction (August 21st – 25th)**

*Course Overview*


Learning Objectives- Students will identify basic facts of the African American Studies program and summarize a general overview of the resources that it offers.

*Assignment*- Post to discussion board your name, where you’re from, self identified race/ethnicity, and why you are interested in the Intro to African American Studies Course (Due Sunday August 25th 11:00 PM)
Module 2- African Origins, The Atlantic World, and Enslavement (August 26th - September 8th)

Week of August 26th

READ: Chapter 1 & 2 Franklin & Higginbotham
READ: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/10/17/mansa-musa-worlds-richest-man-all-time_n_1973840.html

Watch: The Atlantic Slave Trade: Crash Course World History #24
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dnV_MTFEGIY

Course Objective – Students will identify basic facts of ancient Africa. This includes examining Ancient Africa and the societies that existed within the continent, early commercial networks, Great empires, and African Slavery. Students will also be able to summarize a general historical overview of slave trading, the middle passage, and slave societies in Americas. Students will demonstrate an understanding of the basic concepts discussed by identifying key issues of the materials presented and critically analyze the implications of those concepts.

Assignment- Write a 1 page double spaced answer to the discussion question by 11:59 PM Thursday Night (August 29th). 2 Rebuttal statements due 11:59 PM Friday Night (August 30th)

Week of September 2nd

Take Module Quiz by 11:00 PM Saturday Night (September 7th)
Take Peer reviewed Quiz by 11:00 PM Sunday Night (September 8th)

Module 3- North American Slavery (September 9th – September 22nd)

Week of September 9th

READ: Chapter 3 through 5 Franklin & Higginbotham

Watch: Slavery and the Making of America - Episode 2 - Liberty in the Air
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lz7Z_7jC-w

Course Objective- Students will identify basic facts about the establishment of Slavery in North America, the paradox of slavery and freedom, and the abolitionist movement. Students will be able to develop critical analysis of the paradox between slavery and freedom and the arguments of why slavery should and should not exist. Students will demonstrate an understanding of the basic concepts discussed by identifying key issues of the materials presented and critically analyze the implications of those concepts.

Assignment- Write a 1 page double spaced answer to the discussion question by 11:59 PM Thursday Night (September 12th). 2 Rebuttal statements due 11:59 PM Friday Night (September 13th).

Week of September 16th

Take Module 3 Quiz by 11:00 PM Saturday Night (September 21st)
Take Peer Reviewed Article Quiz by 11:00 PM Sunday Night (September 22nd)

Module 4- Enslavement in the South and genesis of Resistance (September 23rd – October 6th)

Week of September 23rd

READ: Chapter 6 through 8 Franklin & Higginbotham

Watch: Episode 15 (Segment 3): The Impact of the Haitian Revolution http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-oDVnj4RjDc


Course Objective- Students will identify basic facts about slaves and free blacks in America between 1790 and 1860, black colonization, domestic slave trade, slave codes, social and cultural life for slaves in the south, and resistance tactics. Students will be able to develop critical analysis of the circumstances surrounding the Louisiana Purchase and the factors that contributed to the resistance of slavery. Students will demonstrate an understanding of the basic concepts discussed by identifying key issues of the materials presented and critically analyze the implications of those concepts.

Assignment- Write a 1 page double spaced answer to the discussion question by 11:59 PM Thursday Night (September 26th). 2 Rebuttal statements due 11:59 PM Friday Night (September 27th).

Week of September 30th

Take Module 4 Quiz by 11:00 PM Saturday Night (October 5th)
Take Quiz by 11:00 PM Sunday Night (October 6th).

Module 5- Abolitionist and Civil War (October 7th – October 20th)

Week of October 7th

READ: Chapter 9 through 10 Franklin & Higginbotham

Watch: Voices of the Civil War Episode 11: "Prelude to the Emancipation Proclamation" http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7EDjItryFjY

Watch: Voices of the Civil War Episode 12: "Emancipation Proclamation" http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iE3UeGncxDM

Course Objective- Students will identify basic facts about Anti-Slavery agendas and the civil war. Students will be able to develop critical analysis of the circumstances that led and ended the civil war. Students will demonstrate an understanding of the basic concepts discussed by identifying key issues of the materials presented and critically analyze the implications of those concepts

**Participation Points** Assignment- Write a 1 page double spaced answer to the discussion question by 11:59 PM Thursday Night (October 10th). 2 Rebuttal statements due 11:59 PM Friday Night (October 11th).

Week of October 14th

Assignment- 3 page paper on a article of choice on any topic concerning the African American experience is due. The article must come from the JSTOR database or selected websites and must not have been published before January 2008. (See bottom of syllabus for instruction on how to access the JSTOR Database). (Due Saturday October 19th at 11:00 PM)

Assignment- 25 multiple choice midterm quiz on material encompassing modules 2 through 5 due by 10:00 PM Sunday (Sunday October 20th). Must start quiz by 7:00 PM in order to get the full three hours.
Module 6- Reconstruction and Self Determination (October 21st – November 3rd)

Week of October 21st

READ: Chapter 11 through 13 Franklin & Higginbotham

Watch: Civil War Reconstruction--- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o7bImr9o6_k
Watch: Booker T. Washington vs W.E.B. DuBois http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_X5X0eogmN0

Course Objective- Students will identify basic facts about the circumstances surrounding reconstruction, legalized segregation, the era of black women, and the paradox of Jim Crow and World War 1. Students will be able to develop critical analysis of the circumstances surrounding the social and economic implications of the reconstruction era and the establishment of Jim Crow. Students will demonstrate an understanding of the basic concepts discussed by identifying key issues of the materials presented and critically analyze the implications of those concepts.

Assignment- Write a 1 page double spaced answer to the discussion question by 11:59 PM Thursday Night (October 24th). 2 Rebuttal statements due 11:59 PM Friday Night (October 25th).

Week of October 28th

Take Module 6 Quiz by 11:00 PM Saturday Night (November 2nd)
Take Peer Reviewed Article Quiz by 11:00 PM Sunday Night (November 3rd)

Module 7- Equality, Culture, and New Deal Era (November 4th – 17th)

Week of November 4th

READ: Chapter 15 through 17 Franklin & Higginbotham
READ: Towards African Unity by Haile Selassie... http://www.jstor.org/stable/158910

Watch: Mary McLeod Bethune http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kkM_YcJXF7g

Course Objective- Students will identify basic facts about the strategies of civil rights organizations, the Harlem Renaissance, The Great Depression and New Deal. Students will be able to develop critical thinking analysis of effective protest strategies of civil rights organizations, art vs. propaganda, and factors that attributed to support of African Americans moving ideologically towards the left. Students will demonstrate an understanding of the basic concepts discussed by identifying key issues of the materials presented and critically analyze the implications of those concepts.

Assignment- Write a 1 page double spaced answer to the discussion question by 11:59 PM Thursday Night (November 7th). 2 Rebuttal statements due 11:59 PM Friday Night (November 8th).

Week of November 11th

Take Chapter Quiz by 11:00 PM Saturday Night (November 16th)
Take Peer Reviewed Article Quiz by 11:00 PM Sunday Night (November 17th)
Module 8- Black Politics, Education, Black Power (November 18th – November 24th)

READ: Chapter 19 through 21

Watch: 1948 DNC: Truman's Democrats Tackle Civil Rights [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ANY-oH3NkAs]

Watch: Rare Video of Martin Luther King, Jr. on Civil Rights and Peace [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xDNV8dxYe-g]

Watch: Malcolm X on racism, politics and propaganda (1964 – 1965) [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fR6n63vI-Ck]

Course Objective- Students will identify basic facts about the circumstances surrounding the challenge for civil rights in the courts, black internationalism, Nonviolent Direct Action, and the Black Power Movement. Students will be able to develop critical thinking analysis of the relation between the Civil Rights Movement in the U.S. within the context of the black Diaspora and the philosophies of Non-violent vs Black Power. Students will demonstrate an understanding of the basic concepts discussed by identifying key issues of the materials presented and critically analyze the implications of those concepts.

Assignment- Write a 1 page double spaced answer to the discussion question by 11:59 PM Thursday Night (November 21st). 2 Rebuttal statements due 11:59 PM Friday Night (November 22nd). Take Module 8 Quiz by 11:00 PM Sunday Night (November 24th)

Module 9- Poverty, Influence, and the Criminal Justice System (November 25th – December 1st)

READ: Chapter 22 and 23

Watch: 2pac Shakur thoughts on Politics [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L87Oli4nWU0]

Course Objective- Students will identify basic facts about the circumstances surrounding poverty, African Americans in pop culture, Hip Hop; Health, Education, and Incarceration Disparities, and current day politics. Students will be able to develop critical thinking analysis of why poverty still disproportionately affects African-Americans today, the impact of hip hop culture, and the implications for the future with the election of President Barack Obama. Students will demonstrate an understanding of the basic concepts discussed by identifying key issues of the materials presented and critically analyze the implications of those concepts.

Assignment- Write a 1 page double spaced answer to the discussion question by 11:59 PM Thursday Night (November 28th). 2 Rebuttal statements due 11:59 PM Friday Night (November 29th). Take Quiz by 11:00 PM Sunday Night (December 1st)

Module 10- Reflections and beyond (December 2nd – December 8th)

Course Objective- Students will demonstrate an understanding of all the basic concepts presented in the course by identifying all key concepts that has been presented throughout the course in all assigned readings and youtube videos.

Assignment- 8 page research paper due at 11:59 PM Saturday (December 7th)
Start final quiz by 7:00 PM Friday December 8th (Quiz will close at 10:00 PM).
Selected Websites

http://www.black-collegian.com/african/aaprofil.shtml
http://www.pbs.org/wnet/aaworld/reference/articles.html
www.blackpast.org
www.census.gov
http://eblackstudies.org/intro/journals.html - Links to Selected African American Journal databases

Access JSTOR Database

1. Go to http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/
2. If off campus, click on Off-Campus link on left
3. Input your username and password or library card information on left
4. After successful logging in, click UF Smathers Library
5. Click on the databases tab
6. In the find databases window, type JSTOR
7. Click on JSTOR.. Website will reroute to the JSTOR website
8. Use the general or advance search option to research journal articles

Netiquette Guide for Online Courses

It is important to recognize that the online classroom is in fact a classroom, and certain behaviors are expected when you communicate with both your peers and your instructors. These guidelines for online behavior and interaction are known as netiquette.

Security

Remember that your password is the only thing protecting you from pranks or more serious harm.
- Don't share your password with anyone
- Change your password if you think someone else might know it
- Always logout when you are finished using the system

General Guidelines

When communicating online, you should always:
- Treat instructor with respect, even in email or in any other online communication
- Always use your professors’ proper title: Dr. or Prof., or if you in doubt use Mr. or Ms.
- Unless specifically invited, don’t refer to them by first name.
- Use clear and concise language
- Remember that all college level communication should have correct spelling and grammar
- Avoid slang terms such as “wassup?” and texting abbreviations such as “u” instead of “you”
- Use standard fonts such as Times New Roman and use a size 12 or 14 pt. font
- Avoid using the caps lock feature AS IT CAN BE INTERPRETTED AS YELLING
- Limit and possibly avoid the use of emoticons like :) or 😊
- Be cautious when using humor or sarcasm as tone is sometimes lost in an email or discussion post and your message might be taken seriously or offensive
- Be careful with personal information (both yours and other’s)
- Do not send confidential patient information via e-mail

**Email Netiquette**

When you send an email to your instructor, teaching assistant, or classmates, you should:
- Use a descriptive subject line
- Be brief
- Avoid attachments unless you are sure your recipients can open them
- Avoid HTML in favor of plain text
- Sign your message with your name and return e-mail address
- Think before you send the e-mail to more than one person. Does everyone really need to see your message?
- Be sure you REALLY want everyone to receive your response when you click, “reply all”
- Be sure that the message author intended for the information to be passed along before you click the “forward” button

**Message Board Netiquette and Guidelines**

When posting on the Discussion Board in your online class, you should:
- Make posts that are on topic and within the scope of the course material
- Take your posts seriously and review and edit your posts before sending
- Be as brief as possible while still making a thorough comment
- Always give proper credit when referencing or quoting another source
- Be sure to read all messages in a thread before replying
- Don’t repeat someone else’s post without adding something of your own to it
- Avoid short, generic replies such as, “I agree.” You should include why you agree or add to the previous point
- Always be respectful of others’ opinions even when they differ from your own
- When you disagree with someone, you should express your differing opinion in a respectful, non-critical way
- Do not make personal or insulting remarks
- Be open-minded