AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES (AFROAMER)

AFROAMER 101 – INTRODUCTION TO AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES
3 credits.

Delve into the origins of African American Studies as an academic discipline and explore its early forms. Examine how African Americans have contributed to the understanding of the African American experience, both historically and in the present day. Analyze current struggles of the Black community for freedom, justice, and humanity.

Requisites: None

Course Designation: Ethnic St - Counts toward Ethnic Studies requirement
Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science
Level - Elementary
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Repeatable for Credit: No

Learning Outcomes:
1. Describe and critically assess seminal texts in African American thought.
   Audience: Undergraduate

2. Recognize the significant contributions that African American people have made to the social, political, and economic development of the United States.
   Audience: Undergraduate

3. Identify strengths and weaknesses of various frameworks for addressing antiblackness and achieving racial equity.
   Audience: Undergraduate

4. Apply concepts and knowledge from the course to systemic inequities and current events.
   Audience: Undergraduate

5. Develop and communicate a position on the necessity of African American Studies.
   Audience: Undergraduate

6. Gain an understanding of what elements of African American Studies they would like to develop deeper inquiry and knowledge.
   Audience: Undergraduate

7. Reflect on African American Studies in relation to their own lives.
   Audience: Undergraduate

AFROAMER/AMER IND/ASIAN AM/CHICLA/FOLKLORE 102 – INTRODUCTION TO COMPARATIVE US ETHNIC AND AMERICAN INDIAN STUDIES
3 credits.

Introduction to comparative ethnic studies, examining race, ethnicity, and indigeneity within the United States. Includes perspectives from African American, American Indian, Asian American, and Chican@ and Latin@ studies.

Requisites: None

Course Designation: Ethnic St - Counts toward Ethnic Studies requirement
Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science
Level - Elementary
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2024

AFROAMER 151 – INTRODUCTION TO CONTEMPORARY AFRO-AMERICAN SOCIETY
3 credits.

Survey of the characteristics and problems of African Americans in contemporary society.

Requisites: None

Course Designation: Ethnic St - Counts toward Ethnic Studies requirement
Breadth - Social Science
Level - Elementary
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2024

AFROAMER 154 – HIP-HOP AND CONTEMPORARY AMERICAN SOCIETY
3 credits.

The aesthetic and political evolution of hip-hop culture and its relationship to contemporary social issues.

Requisites: None

Course Designation: Ethnic St - Counts toward Ethnic Studies requirement
Breadth - Humanities
Level - Elementary
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2024

AFROAMER 155 – THEY: RACE IN AMERICAN LITERATURE
3 credits.

The evolution of stereotypes. The literary manifestations of the assumptions black and white American writers hold toward members of the opposite race.

Requisites: None

Course Designation: Ethnic St - Counts toward Ethnic Studies requirement
Breadth - Literature. Counts toward the Humanities req
Level - Elementary
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2021
AFROAMER 156 — BLACK MUSIC AND AMERICAN CULTURAL HISTORY
3 credits.
Examines the interaction between African American musical culture and its historical context, with an emphasis on the period from 1920 to the present.
Requisites: None
Course Designation: Ethnic St - Counts toward Ethnic Studies requirement
Breadth - Humanities
Level - Elementary
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2024

AFROAMER 199 — DIRECTED STUDY
1-3 credits.
Directed study projects as arranged with a faculty member.
Requisites: Consent of instructor
Course Designation: Level - Elementary
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Spring 2023

AFROAMER/AFRICAN 220 — HIPHOP, YOUTH CULTURE, AND POLITICS IN SENEGAL
3 credits.
Explores how HipHop, a quintessential manifestation of African American culture, is adopted and adapted by African youth to fight for social justice and democracy in their local contexts, while at the same time constructing a diasporic African sensibility and “cultural citizenship” that transcends boarders and oceans. Beginning with the history, culture, and politics of HipHop in the U.S., we compare and contrast HipHop’s development in Africa with specific attention to Senegal. Explores the youth culture and politics in Senegal and the ongoing process of cross-cultural flows and hybridity.
Requisites: None
Course Designation: Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science Level - Elementary
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2019

AFROAMER/GEN&WS 222 — INTRODUCTION TO BLACK WOMEN WRITERS
3 credits.
An introduction to the writings of Afro-American women from the nineteenth to the twentieth century. Fiction, autobiography, non-fiction prose, and poetry will be read and discussed.
Requisites: None
Course Designation: Ethnic St - Counts toward Ethnic Studies requirement
Breadth - Literature. Counts toward the Humanities req Level - Elementary
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2024

AFROAMER 225 — INTRODUCTION TO AFRICAN AMERICAN DRAMATIC LITERATURE
3 credits.
Introduction to the history of African American theater and major African American playwrights and actors.
Requisites: None
Course Designation: Ethnic St - Counts toward Ethnic Studies requirement
Breadth - Literature. Counts toward the Humanities req Level - Elementary
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2024

AFROAMER/GEN&WS 227 — MASTERPIECES OF AFRICAN AMERICAN LITERATURE
3 credits.
Analysis of major works of African American fiction, drama, poetry and autobiography. Attention given to historical, cultural and biographical contexts.
Requisites: None
Course Designation: Ethnic St - Counts toward Ethnic Studies requirement
Breadth - Literature. Counts toward the Humanities req Level - Elementary
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2024

AFROAMER 231 — INTRODUCTION TO AFRO-AMERICAN HISTORY
3 credits.
Survey from the African beginnings to the present day. Focus on slave trade and slavery; major black figures of the past; social, economic, and political trends within the black community.
Requisites: None
Course Designation: Ethnic St - Counts toward Ethnic Studies requirement
Breadth - Social Science Level - Elementary
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2024
AFROAMER/AFRICAN 233 – GLOBAL HIPHOP AND SOCIAL JUSTICE
3 credits.

Critical interrogation of the relationship between HipHop and social justice. What is “HipHop,” what is “social justice,” what is their relationship, how can HipHop can be an effective force for social justice, and what obstacles mitigate against this potential? Discussions will develop familiarity with important concepts in Black studies and social theory such as race and colonialism, imperialism and hegemony, structure and agency, identity and strategic essentialism. Consider the race/class/gender dimensions of weekly topics, acquire a broader familiarity with HipHop activism, and develop new conceptual tools and critical thinking skills.

Requisites: None

Course Designation: Ethnic St - Counts toward Ethnic Studies requirement
Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science
Level - Elementary
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2023

AFROAMER/ART HIST 241 – INTRODUCTION TO AFRICAN ART AND ARCHITECTURE
3 credits.

Examines the rich heritage of African arts and architecture as they shape and have been shaped by the histories and cultural values (social, political, religious, philosophical, and aesthetic) of African peoples, both past and present, on the continent where humanity began. It includes an historical overview of selected artistic traditions from different parts of the continent from 26,000 BCE to the 21st century and thematic/cultural case studies: artists and aesthetics; textiles, decorative, and personal/body arts; architecture; and individual artists.

Requisites: None

Course Designation: Breadth - Humanities
Level - Elementary
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2019

AFROAMER/ART HIST 242 – INTRODUCTION TO AFRO-AMERICAN ART
3 credits.

Historical survey of African American art. Beginning with the African heritage and concluding with creativity of the 1970’s, examine the evolution of African American art. Attention to the aesthetic sensibilities of diverse styles as well as the social significance of Black art within the art arena.

Requisites: None

Course Designation: Ethnic St - Counts toward Ethnic Studies requirement
Breadth - Humanities
Level - Elementary
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2024

AFROAMER/ANTHRO/C&E SOC/GEOG/HISTORY/LACIS/POSI SCI/SOC/SPANISH 260 – LATIN AMERICA: AN INTRODUCTION
3-4 credits.

Latin American culture and society from an interdisciplinary perspective; historical developments from pre-Columbian times to the present; political movements; economic problems; social change; ecology in tropical Latin America; legal systems; literature and the arts; cultural contrasts involving the US and Latin America; land reform; labor movements; capitalism, socialism, imperialism; mass media.

Requisites: None

Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level – Elementary
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2023

Learning Outcomes: 1. Analyze Latin American culture and society from an interdisciplinary perspective.
Audience: Undergraduate
2. Examine historical developments from pre-Columbian times to the present.
Audience: Undergraduate
3. Identify political movements, economic problems, social change, and ecology in Latin America.
Audience: Undergraduate

AFROAMER 265 – AFRICAN-AMERICAN AUTOBIOGRAPHY
3 credits.

Autobiographies of major African Americans studied in depth to locate the constants and variables in the Black American experience. Focus on the variety of individual responses to conditions in the United States.

Requisites: Sophomore standing; not open to special students

Course Designation: Ethnic St - Counts toward Ethnic Studies requirement
Breadth - Literature, Counts toward the Humanities req
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2021

AFROAMER/GEN&WS 267 – ARTISTIC/CULTURAL IMAGES OF BLACK WOMEN
3 credits.

Cultural images by and about Black women; feminine creativity in the arts within their historical, cultural, social, and political contexts.

Requisites: None

Course Designation: Ethnic St - Counts toward Ethnic Studies requirement
Breadth - Humanities
Level – Elementary
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2023
AFROAMER 270 – SELECTED TOPICS IN AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES
1-3 credits.

Introduction to a historical and/or contemporary topic concerning the African American experience. Explores key factors of African American experiences that impact current society.

Requisites: None
Course Designation: Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science
Level - Elementary
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Learning Outcomes:
1. Describe the history, culture and social conditions of African Americans in the United States and, secondarily, in the African diaspora.
   Audience: Undergraduate
2. Recognize inequities in personal and institutional contexts.
   Audience: Undergraduate
3. Explain the results of academic research in the area of race to various audiences.
   Audience: Undergraduate
4. Develop an understanding of the connection between different disciplinary approaches to the study of race.
   Audience: Undergraduate

AFROAMER 271 – SELECTED TOPICS IN AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURE
3 credits.

Introductory level course on specific topics in African American culture.

Requisites: None
Course Designation: Ethnic St - Counts toward Ethnic Studies requirement
Breadth - Humanities
Level - Elementary
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Spring 2024

AFROAMER/HIST SCI 275 – SCIENCE, MEDICINE, AND RACE: A HISTORY
3-4 credits.

Surveys the medical and scientific constructions of categories of race, placing the development of racial theories in a broad social and political context. Pays particular attention to the importance of racial science in slavery and colonialism.

Requisites: None
Course Designation: Ethnic St - Counts toward Ethnic Studies requirement
Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science
Level - Elementary
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2023
Learning Outcomes:
1. Identify and analyze within their social, cultural and economic contexts key historical issues, and their significance, in the history of the idea of race as it relates to scientific and medical developments.
   Audience: Undergraduate
2. Develop an understanding of the mutually shaping interactions between ideas about race and perceptions of social hierarchy, health, illness and medical and anthropological categories.
   Audience: Undergraduate
3. Analyze the role of social factors like gender and class, among others, in shaping cultural realities related to race and body normativity.
   Audience: Undergraduate
4. Identify the role that scientists, physicians, patients, healthcare providers, scientific institutions and the state play in modeling, ideas about race.
   Audience: Undergraduate
5. Discern the impact of programs of global science as they intersect with international politics in the shaping of ideas about human rights, ethnicity, and race.
   Audience: Undergraduate

AFROAMER 272 – RACE AND AMERICAN POLITICS FROM THE NEW DEAL TO THE NEW RIGHT
3 credits.

Survey of the decisive role played by race in American politics, 1932-present. Focus on origins and accomplishments of "the Second Reconstruction"; Black Power and white backlash; contemporary racial politics and issues.

Requisites: None
Course Designation: Ethnic St - Counts toward Ethnic Studies requirement
Breadth - Social Science
Level - Elementary
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2024
AFROAMER/AFRICAN/ANTHRO/GEOG/HISTORY/POLI SCI/SOC: 277 – AFRICA: AN INTRODUCTORY SURVEY
4 credits.

African society and culture, polity and economy in multidisciplinary perspectives from prehistory and ancient kingdoms through the colonial period to contemporary developments, including modern nationalism, economic development and changing social structure.

Requisites: None
Course Designation: Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2024
                    Audience: Undergraduate

2. Discuss polity and economy from prehistory and ancient kingdoms through the colonial period to contemporary developments.
   Audience: Undergraduate

3. Study contemporary nationalism, economic development and changing social structure.
   Audience: Undergraduate

AFROAMER/AFRICAN/HISTORY/POLI SCI: 297 – AFRICAN AND AFRICAN-AMERICAN LINKAGES: AN INTRODUCTION
4 credits.

Analysis of retention of African elements in African-American oral, written, and material culture. Social, cultural, and political issues regarding race, self-definition, and self-determination in both Africa and North America will be examined.

Requisites: None
Course Designation: Ethnic St - Counts toward Ethnic Studies requirement
Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science
Level - Elementary
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2018
                   Audience: Undergraduate

2. Explore social, cultural, and political issues regarding race in both Africa and North America.
   Audience: Undergraduate

   Audience: Undergraduate

AFROAMER 302 – UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES IN AFRO-AMERICAN HISTORY
3 credits.

In-depth treatment of a key theme in black historical studies.

Requisites: Sophomore standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Spring 2024

AFROAMER 303 – BLACKS, FILM, AND SOCIETY
3 credits.

Study of the interpretations of the African American past conveyed via theatrical films and television; relationship to other images of blacks found throughout the popular culture; relationship to societal trends.

Requisites: Sophomore standing
Course Designation: Ethnic St - Counts toward Ethnic Studies requirement
Breadth - Social Science
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2024

AFROAMER/DANCE/MUSIC: 318 – CULTURAL CROSS CURRENTS: WEST AFRICAN DANCE/MUSIC IN THE AMERICAS
3 credits.

The influence of traditional West African dance/music heritage in historical, artistic, social contexts in the development of new hybrid forms of music/dance created by cross-pollination of cultures of Africans, Europeans and indigenous peoples in the New World.

Requisites: Sophomore standing
Course Designation: Ethnic St - Counts toward Ethnic Studies requirement
Breadth - Humanities
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2023
AFROAMER/ASIAN AM/DANCE/FOLKLORE 319 — AFRO ASIAN IMPROV: FROM HIP HOP TO MARTIAL ARTS FUSION
3 credits.

An Afro Asian perspective provides a lens through which intersections between Asian American and African American dance and martial arts are studied and practiced. Asian American and African American movement genres provide tools to explore dance fusion, choreography, and improvisation, to create dances informed by African American and Asian American legacies of struggle, innovation and transformation, while cognizant of historical forces of oppression and racism. Building connections through respectful communication with others are learned through dance practice, discussion and writing about concepts learned through readings, videos, and guest artist visits. Engagement with dance as a cultural vehicle for creative problem-solving and risk-taking occurs through guided class or smaller group activities.

Requisites: Sophomore standing
Course Designation: Ethnic St - Counts toward Ethnic Studies requirement
Breadth - Humanities
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2024

AFROAMER/HISTORY 321 – AFRO-AMERICAN HISTORY SINCE 1900
3-4 credits.

Survey of African American history from 1900 to the present. Topics covered include segregation, the Civil Rights Movement, the political, social and cultural changes of the late 20th century, and the Obama presidency.

Requisites: Sophomore standing
Course Designation: Ethnic St - Counts toward Ethnic Studies requirement
Breadth - Social Science
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2024

AFROAMER/HISTORY 322 – AFRO-AMERICAN HISTORY TO 1900
3-4 credits.

Survey of African American history from its roots in Africa to the end of the 19th century. Topics considered include the slave trade, the political and cultural practices of enslaved communities, forms of resistance, Reconstruction, and systems of segregation.

Requisites: Sophomore standing
Course Designation: Ethnic St - Counts toward Ethnic Studies requirement
Breadth - Social Science
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2016

AFROAMER/GEN&WS 323 – GENDER, RACE AND CLASS: WOMEN IN U.S. HISTORY
3 credits.

Historical interplay of racism and sexism in the lives of Black and White women of different class backgrounds in the United States.

Requisites: Sophomore standing
Course Designation: Ethnic St - Counts toward Ethnic Studies requirement
Breadth - Social Science
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Summer 2017
AFROAMER/GEN&WS 324 – BLACK WOMEN IN AMERICA: RECONSTRUCTION TO THE PRESENT

3 credits.

Explores African American women’s experience from waning days of slavery to present. Topics include slavery, emancipation, reconstruction, segregation, migration, urban and rural poverty, civil rights, nationalism, feminism and sexual politics.

Requisites: Sophomore standing
Course Designation: Ethnic St - Counts toward Ethnic Studies requirement
Breadth - Humanities
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2017

AFROAMER/GEN&WS 326 – RACE AND GENDER IN POST-WORLD WAR II U.S. SOCIETY

3 credits.

Assesses how race and gender (as well as socio-economic status, age, sexuality, region, etc.) shaped the experiences and options of African Americans, especially women, in U.S. society from WW II to the present.

Requisites: Sophomore standing
Course Designation: Ethnic St - Counts toward Ethnic Studies requirement
Breadth - Humanities
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2023

AFROAMER/GEN&WS 333 – BLACK FEMINISMS

3 credits.

Uses an interdisciplinary framework to interrogate core assumptions, arguments, and silences in past and present black feminist thought.

Requisites: Sophomore standing
Course Designation: Ethnic St - Counts toward Ethnic Studies requirement
Breadth – Either Humanities or Social Science
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2024

AFROAMER 337 – THE HARLEM RENAISSANCE

3 credits.

Black literature and culture during the 1920’s. Focus on unique Black literary expression of era, historical background, esthetics, polemical essays.

Requisites: Sophomore standing
Course Designation: Ethnic St - Counts toward Ethnic Studies requirement
Breadth - Literature. Counts toward the Humanities req
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2024

AFROAMER 338 – THE BLACK ARTS MOVEMENT

3 credits.

Focuses on the notion of blackness as it is developed in the poetry and drama of key figures of the 1960s Black Arts Movement. Emphasizes the emergence of a critical discourse specific to a “new” black aesthetic.

Requisites: Sophomore standing
Course Designation: Ethnic St - Counts toward Ethnic Studies requirement
Breadth - Literature. Counts toward the Humanities req
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2023
AFROAMER/HISTORY 347 – THE CARIBBEAN AND ITS DIASPORAS
3-4 credits.
Surveys the history of the Caribbean from the 15th century to the present. Emphasizes the importance of colonialism, commodity-based capitalism, globalization, slavery, and forced labor for the modeling of the region’s social, economic, cultural, and political structures. Pay particular attention to the resilient, creative and resourceful ways in which Caribbean people have responded to these adverse conditions. Examine the circumstances that have shaped migrations from the region to the United States and Canada during the 20th and 21st centuries. Study how these diasporic communities have created social spaces in these two countries that have remained closely linked to the Caribbean through economic, political, and filial networks.
Requisites: Sophomore standing
Course Designation: Ethnic St - Counts toward Ethnic Studies requirement
Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2023
Learning Outcomes: 1. Identify the historical roots of the racial, political, cultural, and social structures of contemporary Caribbean societies and their diasporas
Audience: Undergraduate
2. Recognize the multiple ethnic and cultural origins of Caribbean communities and the impact these communities had in the modeling of Atlantic and global historical developments
Audience: Undergraduate
3. Analyze and synthesize information, provide evidence-based interpretations about the past, and develop arguments regarding the history of Caribbean societies and their global diasporas
Audience: Undergraduate
4. Identify and analyze within their social, cultural, and economic contexts key historical developments in the history of the Caribbean from the fifteenth century to the present
Audience: Both Grad & Undergrad
5. Analyze the role that social and cultural factors—such as gender, religion, ethnicity, and class, among others—had in shaping Caribbean historical developments
Audience: Both Grad & Undergrad
6. Identify and analyze within the their social, cultural and economic contexts the history of the idea of race as it relates to the history of the Caribbean
Audience: Both Grad & Undergrad
7. Discern the impact of local and global political and economic developments, in the shaping of ideas about racial, ethnic, social, and cultural hierarchies and public policies in Caribbean nations
Audience: Both Grad & Undergrad
8. Understand the different methodological approaches and research strategies that historians, anthropologists, and other scholars have used to examine the histories of the Caribbean from the sixteenth century to the present
Audience: Graduate

AFROAMER/GEN&WS 367 – ART AND VISUAL CULTURE: WOMEN OF THE AFRICAN DIASPORA AND AFRICA
3 credits.
Art and visual culture by/or pertaining to women throughout the African Diaspora and Africa. Though the focus is on 10th century art by black women, it will go into visual culture (art objects, photographs, images, dress, culturally-coded representation) concerning black women historically.
Requisites: Sophomore standing
Course Designation: Ethnic St - Counts toward Ethnic Studies requirement
Breadth - Humanities Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2018

AFROAMER/HISTORY 393 – SLAVERY, CIVIL WAR, AND RECONSTRUCTION, 1848-1877
3-4 credits.
African-American slavery and its impact on mid-19th century social, political, and economic life; the causes, course, and consequences of the Civil War; the rise and fall of postwar Reconstruction and non-racial citizenship; the impact of these histories on contemporary American society.
Requisites: Sophomore standing
Course Designation: Ethnic St - Counts toward Ethnic Studies requirement
Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2024

AFROAMER/RELIG ST 404 – AFRICAN AMERICAN RELIGIONS
3 credits.
Explores the varieties of African American religious expressions from the colonial era to the present with emphasis on racism and resistance, marginalization and resilience, creative expression and the continued influence of Africa and the Caribbean.
Requisites: Sophomore standing
Course Designation: Ethnic St - Counts toward Ethnic Studies requirement
Breadth – Humanities Level – Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2018
AFROAMER/AFRICAN 413 — CONTEMPORARY AFRICAN AND CARIBBEAN DRAMA
3-4 credits.

A critical study of the major works.
Requisites: Sophomore standing and (AFRICAN 201, 203, 211, 231, or FOLKLORE/AFRICAN 210), or graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Literature. Counts toward the Humanities
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2022

AFROAMER 456 — SOUL MUSIC AND THE AFRICAN AMERICAN FREEDOM MOVEMENT
3 credits.

Focus on the place of music, musicians and the music industry in the African American Freedom Movement from the 1950s to the mid-1970s. Emphasis on the role of the black church, the organizing tradition, and the transition from Civil Rights to Black Power.
Requisites: Sophomore standing
Course Designation: Ethnic St - Counts toward Ethnic Studies requirement
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2016

AFROAMER 469 — INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES IN THE ARTS
1-4 credits.

Guest artists will offer interdisciplinary courses on topics appropriate to their specializations.
Requisites: Sophomore standing
Course Designation: Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Fall 2015

AFROAMER 501 — 19TH CENTURY AFRO-AMERICAN LITERATURE
3 credits.

Historical and critical analysis of the poetry, fiction, and drama of 19th century African American writers. Also focuses on the essays of major African American intellectuals such as W.E.B. DuBois and Anna Julia Cooper.
Requisites: None
Course Designation: Ethnic St - Counts toward Ethnic Studies requirement
Breadth - Humanities
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2015

AFROAMER/POLI SCI 519 — AFRICAN AMERICAN POLITICAL THEORY
3-4 credits.

Explores a range of theories that African Americans have drawn upon to cope with and ameliorate their political circumstances in the United States within the specific parameters of political theory.
Requisites: Sophomore standing and (POLI SCI 160 or AFROAMER 151) or (POLI SCI 209 taken prior to fall 2017) or graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Humanities
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2023
Learning Outcomes:
1. Analyze how African American thinkers simultaneously reflect and complicate liberal, conservative, nationalist, and materialist political thought.
Audience: Undergraduate
2. Examine how African American thinkers understand sexism in African American political thought and racism in feminist thought.
Audience: Undergraduate
3. Interrogate contemporary debates in African American political theory including, but not limited to, the parameters of effective black leadership.
Audience: Undergraduate
4. Assess the state of a body of scholarly literature related to course themes, identify gaps in that literature, and formulate an original research question in the context of those gaps.
Audience: Graduate
AFROAMER/HIST SCI/MED HIST 523 — RACE, AMERICAN MEDICINE AND PUBLIC HEALTH
3 credits.
Provides historical perspectives on current dilemmas facing black patients and health care professionals.
Requisites: Junior standing
Course Designation: Ethnic St - Counts toward Ethnic Studies requirement
Breadth - Social Science
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2020
Learning Outcomes: 1. Identify key developments, actors, ideas, and institutions in the broad history of race, medicine and public health in America between 1700 and 2000.
Audience: Both Grad & Undergrad
2. Analyze and write critically about primary and secondary historical sources by examining diverse interpretations of past events and ideas in their historical contexts.
Audience: Both Grad & Undergrad
3. Evaluate the ways in which ideas about race and assumptions about the meaning of racial difference influenced the care patients of color received and how they experienced their illnesses and injuries.
Audience: Both Grad & Undergrad
4. Understand how conceptions of race profoundly influenced the medical and nursing professions, as well as medical institutions (dispensaries, hospitals, and blood donation centers).
Audience: Both Grad & Undergrad
5. Evaluate the different methodological approaches historians have used to analyze the multiple histories of race, medicine, and public health in the United States in the last two centuries.
Audience: Graduate

AFROAMER 525 — MAJOR AUTHORS
3 credits.
Intensive literary criticism of the works of selected authors. Emphasis on fiction, but non-fiction when appropriate. Works of one or two authors.
Requisites: Junior standing; not open to special students
Course Designation: Ethnic St - Counts toward Ethnic Studies requirement
Breadth - Literature. Counts toward the Humanities req
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2024

AFROAMER/ED POL 567 — HISTORY OF AFRICAN AMERICAN EDUCATION
3 credits.
An examination of the social, economic, political, and cultural issues influencing the education of Black Americans from the early nineteenth century to the 1960s.
Requisites: Junior standing
Course Designation: Ethnic St - Counts toward Ethnic Studies requirement
Breadth - Social Science
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2024

AFROAMER 621 — SLAVERY AND CAPITALISM IN THE UNITED STATES
3 credits.
Addresses the relationship between slavery and capitalism in the British North American colonies and the United States of America. Drawing on recent scholarship that explores how slavery and capitalism are independent systems, examines how the labor of enslaved people affected the development and growth of wage labor; the impact of the growth and dominance of capitalism as an economic system on the institution of slavery; and the experiences of enslaved people.
Requisites: Junior standing
Course Designation: Ethnic St - Counts toward Ethnic Studies requirement
Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Learning Outcomes: 1. Explain the relationship between the institution of race-based slavery and the emergence of modern capitalism in the United States.
Audience: Both Grad & Undergrad
2. Appreciate the multitude of contributions made by people of African descent in the social, political, and economic development of the United States of America.
Audience: Both Grad & Undergrad
3. Understand the creation, development, and legacies of race-based slavery in the United States.
Audience: Both Grad & Undergrad
4. Understand the primary theories and methods employed by historians of race-based slavery
Audience: Graduate
AFROAMER/GEN&WS 624 – AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMEN’S ACTIVISM (19TH & 20TH CENTURIES)
3 credits.
Examines Black women’s struggles for racial justices; reconsiders conventional notions of leadership, politics and protest. Topics include abolitionism, anti-lynching campaigns, woman suffrage, labor movement, club movement, cultural expressions, civil rights protest, Black feminism/womanism, poverty and welfare rights, environmental racism, etc.
Requisites: Sophomore standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Humanities
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2022

AFROAMER/GEN&WS 625 – GENDER, RACE AND THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT
3 credits.
This course focuses on the emerging field of gender studies in the scholarship on the post-World War II civil rights movement in the United States.
Requisites: Sophomore standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Humanities
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2024

AFROAMER/HISTORY 628 – HISTORY OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT IN THE UNITED STATES
3 credits.
Civil rights history from 1930-1970. Legal, historical and economic origins of the civil rights movement. Study of the movement’s impact on United States culture, politics, and international relations.
Requisites: Junior standing
Course Designation: Ethnic St - Counts toward Ethnic Studies requirement
Breadth - Humanities
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2022

AFROAMER 631 – COLLOQUIUM IN AFRO-AMERICAN HISTORY
3 credits.
Research and discussion of topics in African American History.
Requisites: Junior standing
Course Designation: Ethnic St - Counts toward Ethnic Studies requirement
Breadth - Social Science
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2020

AFROAMER 669 – INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES IN THE ARTS
1-4 credits.
Guest artists will offer interdisciplinary courses on topics appropriate to their specializations.
Requisites: Junior standing
Course Designation: Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Fall 2016

AFROAMER 671 – SELECTED TOPICS IN AFRO-AMERICAN HISTORY
3 credits.
An intensive analysis of specific historical themes in African Americans’ experiences.
Requisites: Junior standing
Course Designation: Ethnic St - Counts toward Ethnic Studies requirement
Breadth - Social Science
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Fall 2023

AFROAMER/ENGL 672 – SELECTED TOPICS IN AFRO-AMERICAN LITERATURE
3 credits.
An intensive analysis of specific themes in the Afro-American experience. Subjects vary with instructor.
Requisites: Junior standing
Course Designation: Ethnic St - Counts toward Ethnic Studies requirement
Breadth - Literature. Counts toward the Humanities req
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Spring 2024

AFROAMER 673 – SELECTED TOPICS IN AFRO-AMERICAN SOCIETY
3 credits.
An intensive analysis of specific societal themes in African Americans’ experiences.
Requisites: Junior standing
Course Designation: Ethnic St - Counts toward Ethnic Studies requirement
Breadth - Social Science
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Spring 2021
AFROAMER 675 — SELECTED TOPICS IN AFRO-AMERICAN CULTURE
3 credits.
An intensive analysis of specific cultural themes in African Americans' experiences.
Requisites: Junior standing
Course Designation: Ethnic St - Counts toward Ethnic Studies requirement
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Spring 2024

AFROAMER/GEN&WS 677 — CRITICAL AND THEORETICAL PERSPECTIVES IN BLACK WOMEN'S WRITINGS
3 credits.
Analyses and interpretations of literary works by black women writers through historical, philosophical, political, feminist, and other contemporary critical methods.
Requisites: Sophomore standing
Course Designation: Ethnic St - Counts toward Ethnic Studies requirement
Breadth - Literature. Counts toward the Humanities req
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2024

AFROAMER/GEN&WS 679 — VISUAL CULTURE, GENDER AND CRITICAL RACE THEORY
3 credits.
Examines tensions between visual and verbal representations that variably construct and negotiate power relations in racialized human experience.
Requisites: Sophomore standing
Course Designation: Ethnic St - Counts toward Ethnic Studies requirement
Breadth - Humanities
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2024

AFROAMER 681 — SENIOR HONORS THESIS
3 credits.
Mentored individual research and study for students completing a thesis in an Honors program.
Requisites: Consent of instructor
Course Designation: Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Honors - Honors Only Courses (H)
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2007

AFROAMER 682 — SENIOR HONOR THESIS
3 credits.
Mentored individual research and study for students completing a thesis in an Honors program.
Requisites: Consent of instructor
Course Designation: Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Honors - Honors Only Courses (H)
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2008

AFROAMER 691 — SENIOR THESIS
2-3 credits.
Mentored individual research and study for students completing a senior thesis.
Requisites: Consent of instructor
Course Designation: Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2010

AFROAMER 692 — SENIOR THESIS
2-3 credits.
Mentored individual research and study for students completing a senior thesis.
Requisites: Consent of instructor
Course Designation: Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2010

AFROAMER 699 — DIRECTED STUDY IN AFRO-AMERICAN STUDIES
1-6 credits.
Advanced directed study projects as arranged with a faculty member.
Requisites: Consent of instructor
Course Designation: Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Spring 2024

AFROAMER/ED POL/HISTORY 712 — EDUCATION AND THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT
3 credits.
Explores the historical relationship between education and the African American freedom struggle from the early twentieth century to the present. Topics include school segregation, desegregation, and resegregation; high school and college student activism; Black Power; civil rights protest strategies and tactics, and the role of the federal government.
Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2020
AFROAMER 790 – RESEARCH AND THESIS
1-12 credits.

Mentored individual research and study for students completing a Master’s thesis.

**Requisites:** Consent of instructor

**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions

**Last Taught:** Spring 2024

AFROAMER/ART HIST 801 – HISTORIOGRAPHY, THEORY AND METHODS IN VISUAL CULTURE
3 credits.

Focuses on the knowledge, theories, and methods that are fundamental to the transdisciplinary discipline of Visual Cultures. Develops skills in critical reading, research, analysis, writing, and oral presentation.

**Requisites:** Graduate/professional standing

**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**Last Taught:** Fall 2023

**Learning Outcomes:**
1. Show comprehension of the history, theories, and methods of Visual Culture as a field of study as they are practiced in the field of Visual Cultures.
   **Audience:** Graduate
2. Demonstrate critical ability to work with and develop Visual Culture theories and methods.
   **Audience:** Graduate
3. Develop capacity to conduct original research in Visual Culture.
   **Audience:** Graduate
4. Show ability to work with Visual Culture theories and methods in the analysis and presentation of original research which may take oral, written, and visual forms.
   **Audience:** Graduate
5. Develop the critical analytic, rhetorical, and technical skills necessary to effectively communicate original research in Visual Culture.
   **Audience:** Graduate

AFROAMER/ART HIST 802 – VISUAL CULTURES: TOPICS IN VISUAL CULTURES
3 credits.

Content will vary to facilitate in-depth engagement with a particular topic in Visual Culture. Topics will be pursued with analytic attention to gender, sexuality and race.

**Requisites:** Graduate/professional standing

**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions

**Last Taught:** Spring 2024

**Learning Outcomes:**
1. Develop ability to work with Visual Culture theories and methods
   **Audience:** Graduate
2. Develop ability to critique, extend and even revise visual culture theories
   **Audience:** Graduate
3. Demonstrate a practice-based, working knowledge of visual culture theories and methods in producing original research which may take written or visual form
   **Audience:** Graduate
4. Develop the critical analytic, rhetorical, and technical skills necessary to effectively communicate original research in Visual Culture.
   **Audience:** Graduate

AFROAMER/AFRICAN 813 – CONTEMPORARY AFRICAN AND CARIBBEAN DRAMA
3 credits.

Historical and critical study of the classics of contemporary African and Caribbean literary drama written in English. Thematic issues include the African encounter with Europe, postcolonial disillusionment and the betrayal of ideals, and also stylistic matters as the relationship(s) between traditional drama and other performance forms, and modern drama written in European languages. Considers theories and critical approaches to understanding the cross-continental drama traditions and their contexts. Examines the long histories of cultural, performance, and theatrical relationships between Africa and the Caribbean and how the relationships have been shaped by race and economics, past and present. Considers and questions conventional claims made by others and your own assumptions; stimulates analytical thinking about identity.

**Requisites:** Graduate/professional standing

**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

**Repeatable for Credit:** No