1.) DATE: 7/11/15  
2.) COMMUNITY COLLEGE: Maricopa Co. Comm. College District

3.) COURSE PROPOSED: Prefix: DAH  Number: 255  Title: Hip Hop: Arts, Aesthetics, and Culture  Credits: 3

CROSS LISTED WITH: Prefix: Number: ; Prefix: Number: ; Prefix: Number: ; Prefix: Number: 


ELIGIBILITY: Courses must have a current Course Equivalency Guide (CEG) evaluation. Courses evaluated as NT (non-transferable are not eligible for the General Studies Program.

MANDATORY REVIEW: The above specified course is undergoing Mandatory Review for the following Core or Awareness Area (only one area is permitted; if a course meets more than one Core or Awareness Area, please submit a separate Mandatory Review Cover Form for each Area).

POLICY: The General Studies Council (GSC) Policies and Procedures requires the review of previously approved community college courses every five years, to verify that they continue to meet the requirements of Core or Awareness Areas already assigned to these courses. This review is also necessary as the General Studies program evolves.

AREA(S) PROPOSED COURSE WILL SERVE: A course may be proposed for more than one core or awareness area. Although a course may satisfy a core area requirement and an awareness area requirement concurrently, a course may not be used to satisfy requirements in two core or awareness areas simultaneously, even if approved for those areas. With departmental consent, an approved General Studies course may be counted toward both the General Studies requirements and the major program of study.

5.) PLEASE SELECT EITHER A CORE AREA OR AN AWARENESS AREA:
Core Areas:  Literacy and Critical Inquiry (L)  
Awareness Areas:  Select awareness area...

6.) On a separate sheet, please provide a description of how the course meets the specific criteria in the area for which the course is being proposed.

7.) DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED
- Course Description
- Course Syllabus
- Criteria Checklist for the area
- Table of Contents from the textbook required and list of required readings/books
- Description of how course meets criteria as stated in item 6.

8.) THIS COURSE CURRENTLY TRANSFERS TO ASU AS:
- DE/C prefix
- Elective

Current General Studies designation(s):

Effective date: 2015 Fall  Course Equivalency Guide

Is this a multi-section course?  ☒ yes  ☐ no

Is it governed by a common syllabus?  ☒ yes  ☐ no

Chair/Director:  
Chair/Director Signature:

AGSC Action:  Date action taken:  ☐ Approved  ☐ Disapproved

Effective Date:
Arizona State University Criteria Checklist for

LITERACY AND CRITICAL INQUIRY - [L]

Rationale and Objectives

Literacy is here defined broadly as communicative competence—that is, competence in written and oral discourse. Critical inquiry involves the gathering, interpretation, and evaluation of evidence. Any field of university study may require unique critical skills that have little to do with language in the usual sense (words), but the analysis of written and spoken evidence pervades university study and everyday life. Thus, the General Studies requirements assume that all undergraduates should develop the ability to reason critically and communicate using the medium of language.

The requirement in Literacy and Critical Inquiry presumes, first, that training in literacy and critical inquiry must be sustained beyond traditional First Year English in order to create a habitual skill in every student; and, second, that the skill levels become more advanced, as well as more secure, as the student learns challenging subject matter. Thus, two courses beyond First Year English are required in order for students to meet the Literacy and Critical Inquiry requirement.

Most lower-level [L] courses are devoted primarily to the further development of critical skills in reading, writing, listening, speaking, or analysis of discourse. Upper-division [L] courses generally are courses in a particular discipline into which writing and critical thinking have been fully integrated as means of learning the content and, in most cases, demonstrating that it has been learned.

Notes:

1. ENG 101, 107 or ENG 105 must be prerequisites
2. Honors theses, XXX 493 meet [L] requirements
3. The list of criteria that must be satisfied for designation as a Literacy and Critical Inquiry [L] course is presented on the following page. This list will help you determine whether the current version of your course meets all of these requirements. If you decide to apply, please attach a current syllabus, or handouts, or other documentation that will provide sufficient information for the General Studies Council to make an informed decision regarding the status of your proposal.

Revised April 2014
Proposer: Please complete the following section and attach appropriate documentation.

### ASU - [L] CRITERIA

TO QUALIFY FOR [L] DESIGNATION, THE COURSE DESIGN MUST PLACE A MAJOR EMPHASIS ON COMPLETING CRITICAL DISCOURSE--AS EVIDENCED BY THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

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**CRITERION 1:**
At least 50 percent of the grade in the course should depend upon writing assignments (see Criterion 3). Group projects are acceptable only if each student gathers, interprets, and evaluates evidence, and prepares a summary report. *In-class essay exams may not be used for [L] designation.*

1. Please describe the assignments that are considered in the computation of course grades--and indicate the proportion of the final grade that is determined by each assignment.
2. Also:

Please **circle, underline, or otherwise mark** the information presented in the most recent course syllabus (or other material you have submitted) that verifies **this description** of the grading process--and label this information "C-1".
**CRITERION 2:** The writing assignments should involve gathering, interpreting, and evaluating evidence. They should reflect critical inquiry, extending beyond opinion and/or reflection.
## ASU - [L] CRITERIA

1. Please describe the way(s) in which this criterion is addressed in the course design.

2. **Also:**

   Please circle, underline, or otherwise mark the information presented in the most recent course syllabus (or other material you have submitted) that verifies this description of the grading process--and label this information "C-2".

| C-2 |
CRITERION 3: The syllabus should include a minimum of two writing and/or speaking assignments that are substantial in depth, quality, and quantity. Substantial writing assignments entail sustained in-depth engagement with the material. Examples include research papers, reports, articles, essays, or speeches that reflect critical inquiry and evaluation. Assignments such as brief reaction papers, opinion pieces, reflections, discussion posts, and impromptu presentations are not considered substantial writing/speaking assignments.

3 Written Review Assignments, (See Syllabus & Rubric), Student gather, interpret and evaluate the array of course evidence, engage in critical inquiry and develop evidence-based arguments. Format: Students respond to four questions on each assignment, each requires a 3-5 paragraph response (375 word minimum-500 word maximum). Objective: survey and analyze examples from course content, cite sources use brief quotes for support. The mode of response could take any of the following forms:

- debating different view points that are illustrated in course content.
- analyzing aesthetics examples of dance movement (both physical and socio-cultural).
- comparing and differentiating examples in reference to key points raised by the question.
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Syllabus (annotated).

Discussion Boards and Quizzes will be reviewed and graded with comments (where applicable) within 1 week of their due date unless otherwise noted.

Written Review Assignments will be graded within 10 days unless otherwise noted.

I comment in-text on Written Review Assignments, as well as provide feedback where needed for Discussion Boards and Quiz Short answer responses to encourage students to build on what they are doing well and to address any challenges early on in lower stakes opportunities in the Discussion Board and particularly in the Quiz short answer section.

The course design is structured so that students have "lower" stakes opportunities to develop critical thinking and writing skills in weekly Discussion Boards. Weekly Quizzes include a well-developed short answer writing question 250-300 words. This allows students to get practice at formal writing and critical inquiry, as well as receive specific feedback to prepare them for the more heavily weighted Written Review Assignments (4 questions each requiring a 375-500 word evidence-based response), submitted every 2 weeks. Detailed feedback given. Final project includes research and writing in a creative and critical framework.
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Hip Hop: Arts, Aesthetic and Culture

Course: DAH255
Lecture 3 Credit(s) 3 Period(s) 3 Load
Course Type: Academic
First Term: 2015 Fall
Final Term: Current
Load Formula: S- Standard

Description: Selective survey and historico-cultural analysis of hip hop arts, aesthetics and culture organized around the founding elements of DJing, MCing, B-boy and B-girling, graffiti arts and knowledge.

Requisites: Prerequisites: ENG101 or ENG107.

MCCCD Official Course Competencies

1. Identify diverse aesthetic-cultural heritages that shaped the origins and continued iterations in hip hop arts and culture. (I, II)
2. List and describe the elements of hip hop. (I, II, III, IV)
3. Demonstrate and analyze how the aesthetics of hip hop negotiate, mark, produce, and contest cultural norms and power. (I, II, III, IV)
4. Describe and demonstrate through select examples how the historical, cultural and aesthetic roots and foundational elements of hip hop and urban arts articulate within their wider social, political, cultural and economic contexts, including class, race, ethnicity and gender. (I, II, III, IV)
5. Describe and analyze how the aesthetics of hip hop and urban arts shape and are shaped by diverse aspects of U.S. and global society, such as politics, economics, social justice, technology, access to resources, marketing/business, cultural values, fashion, music, popular culture, civic pride and education. (I, II, III, IV)
6. Question, debate and critically analyze the aesthetico-artistic, cultural, social, and political significance of hip hop and urban art forms. (I, II, III, IV)
7. Creatively and critically engage one or more of the elements and or aesthetics of hip hop to explore a societal issue. (III, IV)

MCCCD Official Course Outline

I. Introduction: Critical historiographies
   A. Foundational elements
   B. Social, political and cultural legacies impacting the "birth" of U.S. hip hop
      1. Post-Civil Rights, 1970’s nationalism and Reagonomics
      2. Afro-Carribean and Afro-Diasporic performance practices
      3. Lack of resources and access
      4. Criminalization of poverty and culture
      5. Re-appropriation of materials, technology, and culture
   C. Hip hop culture and art today
   D. Hip hop culture vs. hip hop art
   E. Polyculturalism, globalism, transnationalism
II. Cultural citizenship: Space, place and power
   A. From moral panic to mainstream
   B. Cultural hegemony and cultural appropriation
   C. Authenticity, identity construction and negotiation
   D. Hip hop vs. Urban
   E. Hip hop activism and hip hop activists
   F. Paradoxes between hip hop art and culture and the study thereof
   G. Beyond the foundational elements toward fusionism and future aesthetic practices

III. Hip hop arts and culture: Foundational elements
   A. MCing/Rhyming
      1. Social justice, politics and free speech
      2. Nommo and cultural perspectives on language
      3. Freestyling vs. rapping
      4. Form vs. content
      5. Poetics and performance of the MC
   B. DJing/Turntablism
      1. Politics and aesthetics of rupture
      2. Sampling
      3. The breakbeat
      4. Technology, entrepreneurship and communication
   C. Dance/Breakin`
      1. Cultural historiographies of select dance forms
         a. B-boying/b-girling
         b. Locking
         c. Popping
         d. Krump
         e. Others
      2. Aesthetics and politics of select dances
      3. The cipher
      4. Dance aesthetics and cultural citizenship
   D. Aerosol arts/Graffiti writing
      1. Aesthetics of transgression
      2. Visibility/invisibility and public vs. private space
      3. Paradox of destruction and re-creation
      4. Art making and community building as a political tool
      5. Politics and process of aerosol arts from street to museum
   E. Knowledge
      1. Afrika Bambaataa and the history of hip hop’s 5th element
      2. Cultivation of knowledge through art
      3. Hip hop aesthetics and counterhegemonic knowledge as politico-cultural resistance
      4. Interrogating the roles of privilege in knowledge production
      5. Hip hop and the academy
IV. Hip hop arts and culture: Critical aesthetics
   A. Versioning
   B. Battling/competition
   C. Break/rupture
   D. Call and response
   E. Illusion/magic
   F. Metaphor and simile
   G. Codification of language, dress, gestures, images, etc.
   H. Re-appropriation

Last MCCCD Governing Board Approval Date: **February 24, 2015**

All information published is subject to change without notice. Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of information presented, but based on the dynamic nature of the curricular process, course and program information is subject to change in order to reflect the most current information available.
Course Organization

DAH 255: Hip Hop: Arts, Aesthetics and Culture is a one-semester humanities-based inquiry style course. This course engages a broad overview of the cultural and foundational elements of hip hop (MCing, DJing, Bboy/Bgirl, Graffiti Writing and Knowledge) and how they manifest in the performing and visual arts (performance, theater and dance, literature, poetry, painting, design and film). Throughout we maintain a central focus between the relationship of art as both a producer and product of unique social and cultural spaces. Specific attention is paid to vital cultural heritages in the U.S. that have given rise to and shaped hip-hop/urban arts, aesthetics and culture. Emphasis is on artists as producers/reflectors/negotiators of social realities and dynamics of power. Following your required reading and videos, etc. the course surveys a historiography of hip hop/urban arts and culture through the lens of the foundational elements.

| PART 1/Units 1-2: Introductions, 5 Foundational Elements, Historiography |
| PART 2/Units 3-4: MCing, DJing, |
| PART 3/Units 5-6: B-boy/B-girl, Graffiti Arts |
| PART 4/Unit 7: Knowledge/Wrap-up |

Within each part, there are readings, viewings, discussion boards, quizzes, three writing assignments and one final project. Please read the syllabus carefully for all guidelines and due dates!

Official Course Description

DAH 255: Hip Hop: Arts, Aesthetics and Culture Selective survey and historico-cultural analysis of hip hop arts, aesthetics and culture organized around the foundling elements of DJing, MCing, Bboying and Bgirl. graffiti arts and knowledge.

Attendance Policy: Although this course is web delivered, it is neither automated nor self-paced. You are expected to log in daily M-F and engage in all assignments (readings/viewings, discussions, quizzes, and written assessments). If you are not present and engaged, that means responding to course content, classmates and myself, for a period of two Units of work, whether episodic or concurrent, you will be Withdrawn from the course for Excessive Missed Assignments. To access the class website and materials, you can use your personal computer, one in the library, and/or computer labs at GCC. Tech challenges are not an acceptable excuse for missed work.

Disclaimer: Course material is intended for an “adult” audience who can maturely handle discussions regarding such topics as race, gender, sexuality, and politics. If you feel you will have difficulty with this course content, please discuss possible alternatives with the instructor.

Technical Know-How: You have elected to take a web-based course and this assumes that you understand how to use the internet, Canvas, email, and troubleshoot technical difficulties. Regular access to a computer/internet/email/Canvas is required for this class. If you do not have home
computer access, please be sure to check the campus computers daily. You must make sure that you have updated programs and software since the most current versions of Adobe Reader, PowerPoint, Microsoft Word, and other media programs are needed. If you don’t have these programs updated, or your computer is a bit outdated, you must find a computer on your own or go to the computer commons. You are responsible for making sure all is in working order.

***THIS SYLLABUS IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE PER DISCRETION OF INSTRUCTOR***

3/13/2014

Your Instructor and How to Reach Me
Because the course is on-line, the first and best way to reach me, your instructor, is via e-mail. During the course, I check and respond to messages and emails at least once a day (Monday – Friday), unless circumstances prevent this, in which case I will post an announcement to that effect. If you do not hear from me 24 hours after you sent your first message/email, please send another. In addition, I am available to meet with you via Skype, google hangout and in person, by appointment.

My email is: megantodd@mesacc.edu

Required Textbook


Available from GCC Bookstore or on-line booksellers

Required Film Viewing Sources

Most are videos are provided via web links in the course from the web. A few videos will require you to go to GCC library and “check out” for online viewing. There will be several videos, not available for free online that will require you to “rent” from Amazon or Youtube for fees $1.99–$3.99. There will be no more than 4 pay-per-view rentals required in each semester.

How to Do Well in this Course

DAH 255: Hip Hop: Arts, Aesthetics and Culture is a course that engages its topic with academic rigor and interest. As such, it requires a lot of work from students: keeping up with the readings, film viewings, as well as other research and completing Discussion Boards, quizzes and preparing three Written Review Assignments, as well as a Final Project. At the same time it provides a intriguing window into the relationships among hip-hop/urban arts, history, identity and cultural dynamics of the United States that will enrich your experience and understandings of hip hop arts and popular culture.

To do well in the course, here’s what I suggest as a good plan of work for you to follow each week:

1. At the start of each Part, click on the appropriate Unit number and read the Unit Objectives, Introductions to the material, Questions and DB topics. Reflect on these as you do the reading/viewing assignments. Read “Announcements” posted by your instructor.

2. Read the REQUIRED assigned text, view the REQUIRED assigned films and videos and, as time permits and your interest piques, any additional recommended/optional readings, or film viewings. Take notes. Pay particular attention to where the course content engages the questions I have posed for you to think about in each Unit. Take notes on these questions, as your Quizzes and Written Review Assignments at the end of each Unit and Part, will be related to/and or may be selected directly from these questions.

3. Respond to your Discussion Board prompts on-time (per schedule in the syllabus) with Initial and Follow-up posts as detailed in DB section of your syllabus. Your Discussion Board responses must utilize specific reference to the course materials.
4. Post your responses according to the criteria and by the deadlines listed on the course schedule.
5. You will have a quiz at the end of each Unit. Complete the quiz before the deadline.
6. Prepare and submit your Written Response Assignments according to the criteria and by the deadlines listed on the course schedule.

**PLEASE DRAFT ALL OF YOUR WORK AS WORD DOC and SAVE A COPY- THIS WAY IF IT GETS LOST RE-SUBMITTING IS NO BIG DEAL!**

**Course Assignments: Description and Grade Bases**

1. **Syllabus Check-in Quiz:** 20 points

You must submit this quiz no later than by 11:59pm on the first day of class to receive credit and proceed in the class. If you fail to take the Syllabus quiz, you will be Withdrawn from the course as Never Attended.

2. **Discussion Board:** 7 Unit postings @ 15 points each, for a maximum 105 points

Over the course of the semester, 7 topics related to each Unit will be posted. To try for the maximum points possible, post your initial response and two follow-up responses on-time and according to specifications laid out in the syllabus and grading rubric. NOTE: You must also post substantive follow-up responses to receive full credit.

To receive full credit for your Discussion Board postings follow this criteria:

1. **Your initial post (250 – 300 words minimum)** and MUST include references to the course readings and viewings to receive full credit. I am interested in hearing your critical take on the course materials. What do you think? Responses to the Discussion Board are less formal than the Review Assignments, but are “substantive.” A substantive post is thoughtful, developed and connected to the course material.
2. **Your two follow-up posts are in response to other students’ or my questions/comments or to the guiding question.** This should also be substantive; however, it need only be approximately 80-100 words in length. “I agree” is NOT a substantive post. Do not simply re-iterate what another student has posted either. If you agree or disagree, you must explain why thoroughly. This is the place to workshop your ideas and receive feedback.
3. You must follow all posting deadlines to receive credit. Generally, **Initial Posts are due every Tuesday by 11:59 pm. Follow-up Posts are due on two different days, but no later than Wednesday 11:59pm & Thursday 11:59pm.** Please consult the course calendar in your syllabus for exact due dates/times.

****Please Note: There are exceptions to this schedule. Always consult your syllabus calendar ***

Please Note: The discussion board is a place to dialogue with each other, not necessarily to provide a “correct” answer to me. It is your responsibility to be active in the discussion boards; my engagement is mainly to help guide you in reference to the core themes, however if I do pose a question to you- you must respond to receive full credit. Please remember that in the discussion boards you must follow the community college rules. Always keep your posts constructive and respectful; avoid profanity and personal attacks. (Internet slang such as “LOL,” smiley faces, etc. are fine). Offensive posts will be removed without credit and disciplinary action may be taken.

**Note:** you may post more often than required, but the maximum points possible remains 120. I will dock points for answers that are inappropriate or do not sufficiently address the question asked.

3. **Weekly Unit Quizzes:** 7 at 15 points each, for a maximum of 105 points

At the end of each Unit you will take a quiz, which will consist of a mix of ten true/false, multiple choice, and/or fill in the blank questions worth 1 point each, followed by a short answer question worth 5 points. The short answer question is a “warm up” for the more heavily weighted short answer responses in your 3 Written Review Assignments. This is a very good place to practice using examples from the text and citing evidence while developing your formal writing skills. **EACH quiz is worth 15 points.** These are open-book and open-site, however you have ONLY one opportunity to take each quiz. Quizzes must be completed by the due date. They will be unlocked for a period of approximately 48 hours each week & must be completed during this time.
3. **Written Assignments**: 3 at 60 points each, for a maximum 180 points

After the end of each of the first three major Parts you will turn in a written assignment responding to questions, most of which are from those raised in the online Unit Introductions and Questions. You will need to respond to a total of four selected questions for each Part’s Review Assignment. Each question is worth 15 points, for a maximum of 60 points per assignment. These are open-book and open-site. (see full guidelines under the “Written Assignments”).

4. **Final Project**: 90 points

The last Friday of class your Creative Research Final Project will be due by 11:59 pm. Specific instructions and any interim dates (to submit a brief proposal and your research sources) will be posted on Canvas.

General Description: In this Final Project you will research a contemporary critical social, political, aesthetic and/or cultural issue of interest. Examine this issue through research. Apply (at least one of) the foundational elements of hip hop/urban as a methodology to examine your research on a particular topic in a particular context.

Requirements:
- 5 Research sources: At least 3 must be from scholarly texts and/or peer reviewed journals. (Note: Interviews can count as source)

Format:
- Your project will have two parts
- Part 1: Your main presentation can take a variety of forms: a podcast, a video, a speech, a staged debate, a digital collage, a graphic design project, a poem, a song, a “dance conversation”, a site specific performance (video), a rap, a short piece of theatre, a paper, a story, a manifesto. The possibilities are wide-open. Please talk to me if you need help narrowing your focus/approach. Make sure your research is evident. If you think it might not be evident, make it evident.
- Part 2: You will write a 3 page research paper discussing your research and findings.

**Tip**: As you do each reading and watch each video, take notes on the questions offered, and draft your answers as you go. This will save you a lot of last-minute scrambling, improve the clarity and quality of your thought, and result in a higher grade.

4. **Extra Credit**: No extra credit offered.

**NO LATE WORK WILL BE ACCEPTED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES SO PLEASE DON’T EVEN ASK.**

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**Turning in Your Work**

All assignments are completed online.

For Review Assignments: Type each question before each answer.

Discussion Board and Review Assignments, should be submitted following these instructions:

1. Type your answer in a word processing program (Word, WordPerfect, etc.). Be sure to cite your sources, including your textbook (for citations from your textbook: the author’s last name and page number is sufficient). For any external sources you choose to consult, you must include full citation in proper format (MLA, APA, Chicago).
2. Save your work in a local file that you can edit prior to the final submission.
3. Submit your entry via the website under the proper link (Discussion Board/Review Assignments), by copying and pasting your text into the textbox. I strongly recommend that you keep copies of all documents for the duration of the semester (this way if something gets lost it is not a big deal to re-send. In addition, please double check that you submitted your responses successfully).
Checking Your Grades
You may check your grade and read comments under each specific assignments on the course website. Be sure to check the Assignment Rubrics for guidelines and grade breakdowns.

Grading Timeline
Discussion Boards and Quizzes will be reviewed and graded with comments (where applicable) within 1 week of their due date unless otherwise noted. Written Review Assignments will be graded within 10 days unless otherwise noted.

Please note: For every assignment, go to Grade Center and click on EACH assignment. You will not necessarily see the comments if you do not go into each assignment.

I comment in-text on Written Review Assignments, as well as provide feedback where needed for Discussion Boards and Quiz Short answer responses. Please ALWAYS check your Written Review Assignments for feedback. I am looking to see how you engage critical thinking, improve your writing as well as your ability to cite and utilize evidence from the course materials. I expect you to read the feedback and use any feedback to make the next round better than the previous, so please take the time to review your comments and feedback.

Policy on Academic Integrity
It is of paramount and unequivocal importance that academic integrity and corresponding ethical conduct be maintained in order to promote an environment in which each and every student has an optimal opportunity to gain knowledge and develop critical thinking skills.

I have a zero-tolerance policy on plagiarism in this class.

Examples of academic misconduct are cheating, plagiarism, and excessive absences. Please consult the Student Handbook for the official academic misconduct policy.

Plagiarism is defined as presenting the work of another as one’s own work. More than four consecutive words from a source other than the writer constitute plagiarism when the source is not clearly identified in appropriate documentation format. Plagiarism includes, but is not limited to, the use of paraphrase or direct quotation of the published or unpublished work of another person without full and clear acknowledgement. It also includes the unacknowledged use of materials prepared by another person or agency engaged in the selling of term papers or other academic materials.

EVEN IF YOU “FORGET” TO CITE A REFERENCE – INCLUDING YOUR TEXTBOOK – IT IS STILL CONSIDERED TO BE PLAGIARISM.

I run periodic spot checks comparing student work with the work of students in other sections of this class (past and present), and with external sources. So don’t do it. Don’t even think about doing it, as the MINIMUM consequence is failure in the class, with a designation of Academic Dishonesty as the reason. You could also be expelled.

Learning Enhancement Center
The Glendale Community College Center for Learning (CFL) is a free resource dedicated to your academic success. If you need help with a class - from tutoring to study tips - don’t struggle on your own. Check them out!
The CL building is on the east side of campus, north of the Language Arts building, east of the Library Media Center, and west of the Music buildings. Automated doors for disabled access are located at the south entrance.
Center for Learning Building
Building: Center for Learning (CL)
Phone: (623) 845-3812
Email: cfl@gccaz.edu

Special Needs
The following statement is included as per the specific, formal request of the Office of Disability Resources and Services: “If you have or think you have a disability, including a learning disability, please make an appointment with an advisor at Disability Resources as soon as possible. They can assist you with appropriate accommodations for you in your classes.”
Any student with special needs is encouraged to and, indeed, must inform the instructor of any and all assistance that will be required. In order to accommodate specific needs, a student will need to give proper notice as to what accommodations will be necessary and have documentation on file in the Office of Disability Resources and Services. It is highly preferable that a student with special needs identify herself/himself during the initial week of the semester.

Special arrangements can be made for seating, hearing devices, testing time, and other concerns. Again, students are invited and encouraged to speak with the instructor concerning special needs and/or to contact the Office of Disability Resources and Services at (623) 845-3080.

Students with disabilities must have an equally effective and equivalent educational opportunity as those students without disabilities. Students experiencing difficulty accessing course materials because of a disability are expected to contact the course instructor so that a solution can be found that provides all students equal access to course materials and technology.

Information for Students with Disabilities: If you have a documented disability, including a learning disability, and would like to discuss possible accommodations, please contact the GCC Disabilities Resources and Services Office at (623) 845-3080 or via electronic mail: drsfrontdesk@gccaz.edu

Respect for Diversity

Diversity encompasses age, life experiences, profession, race, religion, sexual orientation, lifestyle, social class, learning style, philosophy of life, personality, mental and physical challenges, customs, values, and gender. Diversity is to be respected in this class.

Underage Student Policy:

All underage students (non-high students graduates under the age of eighteen [18]) must complete and pass all ASSET Placement Tests and receive Department Chair and Instructor approval prior to registering for the course. Student and parent(s)/guardian(s) of the registered student must also sign an Informed Consent form acknowledging their awareness of the course content.

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**Course Schedule and Due Dates**

**PART I:** Units 1-2:
- Monday, March 17: Class begins.
- Tuesday, March 18: Syllabus Quiz DUE by 11:59pm AND Initial Post Discussion Board Responses Unit 1
- Wednesday, March 19: DUE: Discussion Board Responses Follow-Up 1
- Thursday, March 20: DUE: Discussion Board Responses Follow-Up 2
- Friday, March 21: DUE: Unit 1 Quiz

- Tuesday, March 25: DUE: Initial Discussion Board Responses Unit 2
- Wednesday, March 26: DUE: Discussion Board Responses Follow-Up 1
- Thursday, March 27: DUE: Discussion Board Responses Follow-Up 2
- Friday, March 28: DUE: Unit 2 Quiz

- Sunday, March 30: DUE: PART I Written Review Assignment covering Units 1 and 2.

**PART II:** Units 3-4
- Tuesday, April 1: DUE: Initial Discussion Board Response Unit 3
- Wednesday, April 2: DUE: Follow-up Discussion Board Responses Follow-Up 1
- Thursday, April 3: DUE: Discussion Board Responses Follow-Up 2
- Friday, April 4: DUE: Unit 3 Quiz

- Tuesday, April 8: DUE: Initial Discussion Board Responses Unit 4
- Wednesday, April 9: DUE: Discussion Board Responses Follow-Up 1
- Thursday, April 10: DUE: Discussion Board Responses Follow-Up 2
- Friday, April 11: DUE: Unit 4 Quiz

- Sunday, April 13: DUE: PART II Review Assignment covering Units 3 and 4.

**PART III:** Units 5-6
- Tuesday, April 15: DUE: Initial Discussion Board Response Unit 5
Wednesday, April 16: DUE: Discussion Board Responses Follow-Up 1
Thursday, April 17: DUE: Discussion Board Responses Follow-Up 2
Friday April 18: DUE: Unit 5 Quiz. Final Project Check-in DUE

Tuesday, April 22: DUE: Initial Discussion Board Responses Unit 6
Wednesday, April 23: DUE: Discussion Board Responses Follow-Up 1
Thursday, April 24: DUE: Discussion Board Responses Follow-Up 2
Friday, April 25: DUE: Unit 6 Quiz (NOTE: This quiz will be open by 11/19 for you to take early if you so choose)

Sunday, April 27: DUE: PART III Review Assignment covering Units 5 and 6.

PART IV: Unit 7 and Wrap-up
Tuesday, April 29: DUE: Initial Discussion Board Response Unit 7
Wednesday, April 30: DUE: Discussion Board Responses Follow-Up 1
Thursday, May 1: DUE: Discussion Board Responses Follow-Up 2
Friday, May 2: DUE: Unit 7 Quiz. Final Project DUE. Last day of Class

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W R I T T E N R E V I E W A S S I G N M E N T G U I D E L I N E S

Three Written Review Assignments are due throughout the course of the semester, one for each major Part we cover. Here’s what you need to do for each one:

General Guidelines for Writing and Turning in Your Work
1. At the end of each Part, go to the Written Assignment page.
2. In this assignment you will write and word-process a 3-5 paragraph response (375 word minimum-500 word maximum) to each question listed. There are a total of 4 questions in each assignment and each requires a 3-5 paragraph response (375-500 words).

PLEASE Make sure number AND include the question itself at the beginning of each response, as sometimes you will be given a choice regarding which questions you would like to respond to.

Objectives for this assignment:

• Use your own words to survey and analyze examples from course content (text or film). BE SPECIFIC. Do cite your sources. Brief quotes can help strengthen your work. This analysis will take the form of a short essay that responds to the selected questions. The mode of response could take any of the following forms appropriate to each question posed:
  i. Debating different viewpoints that are illustrated in course content;
  ii. Analyzing aesthetics examples of dance movement (both physical and socio-cultural);
  iii. Comparing and differentiating examples in reference to key points raised by the question.
  iv. Investigating further examples that strengthen or refute a perspective raised in course content.

NOTE: You may also include examples from outside of class and are encouraged to do so, however, take care to primarily engage the course content as this is the content you are responsible for.

• These responses will graded primarily on your ability to critically analyze and engage course content and secondarily on your writing (grammar, spelling, punctuation, and clarity- Proofread, Proofread, Proofread!). If the grammar and/or lack of proofreading and/or organization make it too difficult to read, however, you will not receive credit. Please consult the rubric provided for specific grading details.

3. When you include quoted material from the textbook, other sources from our class, or additional readings and films you wish to consult, be sure to cite these sources – including your textbook – using proper academic documentation (such as footnotes or parenthetical citations) in either MLA, APA or Chicago Style. As previously
4. Once you have completed your local copy of the word-processed document, SAVE IT in .doc format before you post it. I recommend you keep a copy of the document, along with a record of your submission, until the end of the semester. Without these two items, I cannot trace missing assignments.

5. To post your assignment:
   - Click on the Assignments page
   - Attach your work as a .doc WORD DOC (not docx, not rtf, not pdf) and save a copy for yourself!
   - Submit it.

Unit Reading and Viewing/Listening Assignments

PART I: Intros, Urban Arts, Aesthetics and Culture
Unit #1: Introductions, Historiography, Critical History
Unit #1: REQUIRED Reading:

Unit #1: REQUIRED Viewing/Listening:
3. From Mambo to Hip Hop (approx. 50 minutes total)
4. Michael Eric Dyson opens the 'Hip-hop on trial' debate http://youtu.be/q6rBbT2UktU

PART I: Intros, Urban Arts, Aesthetics and Culture
Unit #2: Cultural Citizenship in Hip-hop/Urban Arts: Space, Place & Power
Unit #2: REQUIRED Reading:

Unit #2: REQUIRED Viewing/Listening:
5. "Versus Hip Hop on Trial Debate" (2 hours) http://youtu.be/r37Y0xG89Q
6. "Hip Hop Wars (excerpt)" Tricia Rose (14 minutes) http://youtu.be/uEFlgypN-Sw

Unit #2: OPTIONAL Recommended Videos:

PART II: Founding Elements of Hip Hop/Urban Arts and Culture
Unit #3: MCing
Unit #3: REQUIRED Reading:
2. "(Yet Another) Letter to a Young Poet" Marc Bamuthi Joseph in Total Chaos ed. by Jeff Chang (11-17), 2006.

Unit #3: REQUIRED Video/Listening:
5. "TEDxSiliconValley - James Kass & Marc Bamuthi Joseph - 12/12/09" Youtube. (8 min).
   http://youtu.be/UQjBYqYECV8
   http://www.hulu.com/watch/124654
7. Gil Scott-Heron - The Revolution Will Not Be Televised (Full Band Version)
   http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qGaoXAw9kw&list=RDqGaoXAw9kw&feature=share

Unit #3: OPTIONAL Video:
- "Gil Scott Heron - The Revolution Will Not Be Televised" Youtube (59 minutes).
  http://youtu.be/rVNORb4RvBw

Unit #3: OPTIONAL Reading:
- Hip Hop and Urban Studies.pdf
- "On Lit Hop" Adam Mansbach in Total Chaos edited by Jeff Chang (92-100), 2006.

PART II: Founding Elements of Hip Hop/Urban Arts and Culture
Unit # 4: DJing, Technology & Identity: From Aesthetics After Multiculturalism to Sampled Consciousness
Unit #4 REQUIRED Reading:
   Available from library full text.

Unit #4 REQUIRED Viewing/Listening:

PART II: Founding Elements of Hip Hop/Urban Arts and Culture
Unit # 5: Dance: Bboying/Bgirling, Popping & Locking, Krump & much more!
Unit #5 REQUIRED Reading

Unit # 5 REQUIRED Viewing/Listening:

Unit #5 OPTIONAL Video:
- A Conversation With Renee Harris on Hip Hop Choreography
  http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bu6vUXWKIQ8&feature=share&list=PLQwLVjfZPKk4DF5dMxDfcBFbyHe9TH4N
- History and Concept of Hip Hop Dance, Dir. Moncell Durden, Produced by DanceTime Publication, 2009
  GV1796.H57 H58 2009 Online (ASU Online Library).
- Planet Bboy http://youtu.be/JUhtP9CnxyM
- "Check Your Body at the Door" (ASU Course Reserve Under last name: Todd/DCE 394. Also available to rent on itunes for $3.99)

PART III: Founding Elements of Hip Hop/Urban Arts and Culture
Unit # 6: Graffiti Writing & Urban Visual Arts in Public vs. Private Space
Unit #6 REQUIRED Reading:
Graffiti.pdf

Unit #6 REQUIRED Viewing/Listening:
5. Bomb It http://youtu.be/hSXuAr8DD2U

Unit #6 OPTIONAL Reading:

PART IV: Hip Hop/ Urban Arts: Aesthetics & Culture Wrap-up
Unit 7: Knowledge & Integration

Unit #7 REQUIRED Reading:
1. "Afrika Bambaataa headlining Cornell Symposium on Hip Hop"

Unit #7 Viewing/Listening:
5. Dr. James Peterson- "the fifth element" http://youtu.be/TydqRM71eYo (1 min)
6. Afrika Bambaataa Tribute @ VH1's Hip Hop Honors http://youtu.be/6w2A0ZT1qSs (10 min- Watch first 3.35 min)
7. Afrika Bambaataa on growth of galactic Hip-Hop, the 5th Element & the abandonment of true Hip-Hop 
http://youtu.be/S_fysqsbX8M (5 min)

Unit #7 OPTIONAL
- 40 years of Hip Hop KRS One http://youtu.be/REpSdgORU5A (1.40min)
- All black everything-Dr. James Peterson http://youtu.be/ay0tKg9DyEw (10 min)
- KRS One- Hip Hop Knowledge http://youtu.be/lnQTER3yMVA (3 min)
#6 ON a separate sheet, please provide a description of how the course meets the specific criteria in the area for which the course is being proposed.

The emphasis of this course is on creative and critical inquiry about the world we live in through the historiography and study of hip hop arts, aesthetics and culture through the lens of its the foundational elements (MCing, DJing, Bboy/Bgirl, Graffiti Writing and Knowledge).

In this course literacy and critical thinking are cultivated through the course design detailed in the Official Course Description, Official Course Outline and Official Course Competencies as well as in the submitted syllabus that interprets the Official Course Materials.

The course design is structured so that students have "lower" stakes opportunities to develop critical thinking and writing skills in weekly Discussion Boards. Weekly Quizzes, in addition to standardized questions, include a well-developed short answer writing question of 250-300 words. Both the Discussion Boards and the Quizzes allow students to get practice at formal writing and critical inquiry, as well as receive specific and frequent feedback to prepare them for the more heavily weighted Written Review Assignments (4 questions each requiring a 375-500 word evidence-based response), which are submitted every 2 weeks.

Detailed feedback is given in-text on each Written Review Assignment to help students develop as researcher, thinkers and writers. Each assignment and its feedback prepares the student for what comes next. Final project includes research and writing in a creative and critical framework.
This is an example of one Written Review Assignment

DAH 255: Written Review Assignment Part I (covers Units 1&2)

Instructions and Guidelines for this Assignment are in your Syllabus and in the Rubric. Please Make Sure to Consult ALL Guidelines (including 375-500 word response scope) and expectations. If you have questions prior to submitting this Assignment, please ask! This assignment is worth 60/500 points, please take the time to develop your responses (per guidelines) and proofread prior to submitting.

Please respond to FOUR Questions Total. **Respond to: 1, 2, 5 and Select 3 or 4**

To earn BONUS POINTS use the following terms appropriately (demonstrating your understanding of them by applying them in context): Polyculturalism, post-Blackness, Globalism, Transnationalism, hegemony, and/or cultural appropriation.

Total of FOUR Responses Required: Each are worth 15 points= Assignment Total 60 points. Questions for Part I: Written Assignment

1. Detail and describe the “traditions, conditions and phenomena” / origins and influences that gave rise to hip hop’s birth. **Use specific evidence from at least two of your sources** (do cite) to give a detailed account of hip hop’s origins. Do include macro details, such as our nation’s political and social policies and moments, as well as those micro details specifically pertinent to the South Bronx.

2. Use evidence from your text to examine how battling and/or versioning are vital components to the vitality of hip-hop arts and culture. How is the capacity for challenge, negotiation and practice of creating something new out of something that already exists expressed in hip hop arts and cultures? How do the practices of versioning and battling contrast the Euro-hegemonic aesthetic in both arts and culture? (Note: you may address both or either battling and versioning in your response).

3. Discuss the terminology and use of the name Urban versus the name Hip Hop. What does using the name Hip Hop privilege? What does using the name Urban privilege? Which do you think is better and why?

4. What are the Africanist aesthetic elements of Hip Hop as detailed by Dixon-Gottschild and Robert Farris Thompson? Use an example to discuss.

5. Discuss what is meant by a hip-hop "performer-intellectual" and a hip-hop "activist-scholar" (Ratcliff). How does the proposition of hip-hop "performer-intellectuals" and hip-hop "activist-scholars" critique any of the arguments made in the Hip Hop debates/war?
## DAH 255: WRITTEN REVIEW ASSIGNMENT RUBRIC

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### Discussion Boards Response Rubric

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  • The discussion vaguely discusses the question(s)/topic making it weak.  
  • Main idea is too general and needs more details supported by information/examples relevant to the question(s)/topic. | (5 points) Initial post submitted to the class discussion.  
  • The post sufficiently discusses the question(s)/topic making it general.  
  • Main idea is clear but needs more details supported by information/examples relevant to the question(s)/topic. | (6 points) Initial post submitted to the class discussion.  
  • The post clearly discusses the question(s)/topic making it interesting and informative.  
  • Main idea is strong and is supported by detailed information/examples relevant to the question(s)/topic. | (7 points) Initial post submitted to the class discussion.  
  • The post thoroughly discusses the question(s)/topic making it truly memorable.  
  • Main idea stands out and is supported by rich detailed information/examples relevant to the question(s)/topic.  
  • References/citations the reading.  
  • Min. of 250-300 words. |
| Criteria for Discussion Board (DB) Follow-up Response 1 and DB Follow-up Response 2 | (0 points) No response posted. | (1 points) Response includes a post submitted a different day and/or as the same day as the initial post.  
  The response is too general and not meaningful. | (2 points) Response includes a post submitted on a different day than the initial post.  
  The response is general, predictable and obvious. | (3 points) Response includes a post submitted on a different day than the initial post.  
  The response is relevant and interesting going beyond the obvious and predictable. | (4 points) Response includes a post submitted on a different day than the initial post.  
  The response is relevant and thought provoking going beyond the obvious and predictable with examples and details as to how it relates and/or applies to course content.  
  • Min. of 80-100 words. |

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Megan Todd 7/14/2015 5:11 PM

Comment [1]:

C-2 Writing Assignments involving gathering, interpreting and evaluating evidence and developed critical thinking beyond opinion and reflection

C-4 Assignments arranged for timely feedback, including early intervention strategies, in order to help students do better on subsequent assignments.
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Perspectives on Hip-Hop History

Hip-hop began as an early ’70s youth street culture in New York City, with all of the peculiarities of place embedded in it—the slang, the cadence of talk, the way people moved. If one had grown up in the Black community of Oakland or Detroit or Philadelphia instead, the local dance might be The Boogaloo or Stepping rather than B-Boying or Rocking. Just as James Smethurst reminds us that the Black Arts Movement looked different whether you stood in Watts, Newark, Chicago, or Atlanta, what became hip-hop would take on the characteristics of each community’s quirks and idiosyncrasies. Everything has a context, a beginning point.

It may have been only in the Bronx in the late ’70s that Afrika Bambaataa’s “four elements” converged the way that they did. Yet by now the concept holds much more than ideological weight, even feels like gravity itself. The Big Bang has swept up everything with it, and even the forces behind hip-hop’s origins sometimes obscure as much as they illuminate. So this section attempts to spark new or reopen dormant lines of inquiry into the history of hip-hop arts.

In “Dreams of a Final Theory,” the nostalgia and extreme mathematics rather than the futurism and virtuosity embodied in a turntablist exhibition draw Harry Allen to examine what has happened to hip-hop culture since its mythic days. His conclusion that hip-hop has, in his words, “destabilized” opens up the possibility that the culture is destined to continue to scatter into entropy, if not experience a fate much worse.

Father Anthony “Amde” Hamilton is a living bridge to the Black Arts Movement. He ran the Watts Writers Workshop and the Mafundi Institute on 103rd Street, then cut two records, Black Voices on the Streets of Watts and Rapping Black in a White World, with his group, the Watts Prophets, that became the foundation for Los Angeles’s “gangsta rap” and its less heralded but
influential early '90s freestyle underground. Hamilton's work refocuses hip-hop arts from the idea of word-as-sound or word-as-commodity to word-as-word, a lineage that ties back centuries to the African concept of Nonono.

Here is where Marc Bamuthi Joseph, the actor, playwright, and teacher, enters. The national revival of interest in poetry owes much to hip-hop. Joseph's "(Yet Another) Letter to a Young Poet" pointedly notes that the interest is more at odds than in convergence with institutionalized Eurocentric standards of beauty. His notion of a hip-hop poetic draws on the Harlem Renaissance and the Beats who were influenced by it, the Black Arts Movement and the multiculturalism movement that extended it. Last, Joseph outlines one of the deep, abiding interests of hip-hop arts: to stir possibilities as pedagogy.

If Joseph is interested in hip-hop's liberatory potential, Jorge "PopMaster Fabi" Pabon, a Rock Steady Crew and Universal Zulu Nation elder and a dancer and hip-hop historian of more than twenty-five years, maintains a folkloric interest in passing on traditions. Despite the fact that hip-hop dance elders maintain a rigorous system of knowledge, dance is the least formally documented of hip-hop's forms, and the most likely to be decontextualized. Fabi's indispensable piece, "Physical Graffiti," is one of the most succinct and influential pieces to date on the topic, a hip-hop nod to Marshall Stearns and Jean Stearns's indispensable book, Jazz Dance. Fabi's history of hip-hop dance points to its roots in African American and Afro-Latino social dance, names the dances and their innovators, and discusses the aesthetic problems of bringing the dances to film or the theatre stage.

African American social dance—whether krumping/clowning in Los Angeles, footwork/juking/jumping in Chicago, jitting in Detroit, or hyphy/turf dance in Oakland, all twenty-first-century successors to the indigenous social dances described above—has always incorporated competition. At the heart of hip-hop's regeneration and evolution is the ritual of the style war and the art of battling. In an interview with Joe Schloss, b-boy Zulu King Alien Ness describes his process of preparation and execution when he competes in the global circuit of b-boy battles. In the cipher, hip-hop's vitality is reaffirmed, its participants reconnect to its primacy, and the culture transforms itself.

The concluding piece of this section is an extensive roundtable discussion featuring cultural critics Greg Tate, Mark Anthony Neal, and Vijay Prashad and filmmaker and photographer Brian "B4" Cross taking up hip-hop in a postmulticulturalist moment. Hip-hop's breakout years in the early '80s coincided with the rise of the multiculturalism movement, a radical political and aesthetic agenda to broaden the representations of marginalized people in
mainstream institutions and the popular culture. By the '90s, hip-hop had helped foster a dramatic increase of representations of people of color. Our panelists discuss the implications of hip-hop's successes and failures in advancing a radical multiculturalist platform. At the heart of their discussion is the desire to understand hip-hop's journey, the possible endpoints of that journey, and its still unfulfilled possibilities.
The City in Public versus Private

Through a Scanner Darkly

Paul D. Miller, a.k.a. DJ Spooky

PRELUDE

The following essay is a remix of a project that I did with the Tate Modern Museum in London, May 2006. Walter Ruttmann’s 1927 film, Opus: Berlin—Symphony of a Great City, was projected throughout the museum as a large-scale intervention. The idea was to use the museum as a projection canvas.

BEGIN

We live in the era of the world city. So much of what we see is about what we project out into the world. Your eyes have a perceptual architecture. They break light waves and particles into some kind of coherent meaning that the mind then organizes, and makes into metaphors, thoughts, and, of course, images.

As an artist, a lot of what I do is about getting people to look outside the frames of reference that so many of us have been conditioned to accept. I live in NYC, and you can pretty much expect that most people have a reference point that the city provides: subways, poster placards, the sides of buses, and, lately, their cell phone networks that send info on various developments—news, videos, art, you name it, it’s being broadcast. You walk down the street in NYC, and you see, in one form or another, a world tapestry made from almost every media outlet available to modern humanity. But the point here is