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DATE August 31, 2009

1. ACADEMIC UNIT: African and African American Studies

2. COURSE PROPOSED: AFS 301 Race and racism in the African Diaspora 3
   (prefix) (number) (title) (semester hours)

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4. ELIGIBILITY: New courses must be approved by the Tempe Campus Curriculum Subcommittee and must have a regular course number. For the rules governing approval of omnibus courses, contact the General Studies Program Office at 965-0739.

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

   Core Areas
   - Literacy and Critical Inquiry—L
   - Mathematical Studies—MA
   - Humanities, Fine Arts and Design—HU
   - Social and Behavioral Sciences—SB
   - Natural Sciences—SQ

   Awareness Areas
   - Global Awareness—G
   - Historical Awareness—H
   - Cultural Diversity in the United States—C

6. DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED.
   (1) Course Description
   (2) Course Syllabus
   (3) Criteria Checklist for the area
   (4) Table of Contents from the textbook used, if available

7. In the space provided below (or on a separate sheet), please also provide a description of how the course meets the specific criteria in the area for which the course is being proposed.

   CROSS-LISTED COURSES: ☑ No ☐ Yes; Please identify courses: ________________________________

   Is this a multisection course?: ☑ No ☐ Yes; Is it governed by a common syllabus?

   Stanlie James
   Chair/Director (Print or Type)
   Date: Sept 2009

   Chair/Director (Signature)

   New Course
CULTURAL DIVERSITY IN THE UNITED STATES [C]

Rationale and Objectives

The contemporary "culture" of the United States involves the complex interplay of many different cultures that exist side by side in various states of harmony and conflict. The history of the United States involves the experiences not only of different groups of European immigrants and their descendants but also of diverse groups of American Indians, Hispanic Americans, African Americans, and Asian Americans—all of whom played significant roles in the development of contemporary culture and together shape the future of the United States. At the same time, the recognition that gender, class, and religious differences cut across all distinctions of race and ethnicity offers an even richer variety of perspectives from which to view ourselves. Awareness of our cultural diversity and its multiple sources can illuminate our collective past, present, and future and can help us to achieve greater mutual understanding and respect.

The objective of the Cultural Diversity requirement is to promote awareness and appreciation of cultural diversity within the contemporary United States through the study of the cultural, social, or scientific contributions of women and minority groups, examination of their experiences in the U.S., or exploration of successful or unsuccessful interactions between and among cultural groups.
Proposer: Please complete the following section and attach appropriate documentation.

### ASU--[C] CRITERIA

**Cultural Diversity in the United States**

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1. A Cultural Diversity course must meet the following general criteria:
   - The course must contribute to an understanding of cultural diversity in *contemporary* U.S. Society.
   - **Syllabus: Course descriptions and schedule of readings**

2. A Cultural Diversity course must then meet at least one of the following specific criteria:
   - a. The course is an in-depth study of culture-specific elements, cultural experiences, or cultural contributions (in areas such as education, history, language, literature, art, music, science, politics, work, religion, and philosophy) of gender*, racial, ethnic and/or linguistic minority groups** within the United States.
   - **Syllabus: Course description and schedule of readings**
   - b. The course is primarily a comparative study of the diverse cultural contributions, experiences, or world views of two or more gender*, racial, ethnic and/or linguistic minority groups** within the United States.
   - **Syllabus: Course description and schedule of readings**
   - c. The course is primarily a study of the social, economic, political, or psychological dimensions of relations between and among gender*, racial, ethnic and/or linguistic minority groups** within the United States.
   - **Syllabus: Course description and schedule of readings**

*Gender groups would encompass categories such as the following: women, men, lesbians, gays, bisexuals, transgender individuals, etc.

**Cultural, racial, ethnic, and/or linguistic minority groups in the U.S. would include categories such as the following: Hispanics, African Americans, Native Americans/First Peoples, Asian Americans, Jewish Americans, Muslim Americans, members of the deaf community, etc.
### Course Prefix | Number | Title | Designation
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AFS | 301 | Race and Racism in the African Diaspora | CULTURAL

Explain in detail which student activities correspond to the specific designation criteria. Please use the following organizer to explain how the criteria are being met.

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<td>The course must contribute to an understanding of cultural diversity in contemporary US society.</td>
<td>The objective of the course is to provide students with a better understanding of the persistent impact of race and racism on the everyday lives of peoples across the world. Regional concentration is placed on the US, Caribbean and South Africa.</td>
<td>Syllabus: Course description and schedule of readings.</td>
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<td>The course is primarily a study of the social, economic, political and psychological dimensions of relations between and among gender, racial, ethnic and/or linguistic minority groups within the United States.</td>
<td>The course will cover several main topics including the origins and history of racism, and race and racism through the eyes of Black and White Americans respectively.</td>
<td>Syllabus: Course description, and the schedule of readings (weeks 1-10)</td>
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African and American Studies  
Spring 2007  
Race and Racism in the African Diaspora  
AFS 301 & SOC 498

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Phone: 965-1597  
Office Hours: Mon/Wed 11:00 am -1:00 pm  
Or by Appointment

Course Description
This course is an introduction to the concepts of Race and Racism and how they manifest themselves in the USA, the Caribbean and Africa. The first part of the course looks at the origins and history of race and racism; the second and third parts part look at race and racism through the eyes of Black and White Americans respectively; the fourth part looks at how race and racism are constructed in the Caribbean; and the final part looks at race and apartheid in South Africa. The objective of the course is to provide students with a better understanding of the persistent impact of race and racism on the everyday lives of peoples across the world.

Course Format/Structure
The format of this course will be Hybrid —part online and part classroom. In keeping with the hybrid format students will engage in online discussions of the week’s readings on Tuesdays and attend classroom lectures on Thursdays. The Professor, however, reserves the right to hold a classroom lecture on a Tuesday if the need arises.

Reading Materials and Videos
George M. Fredrickson: Racism: A Short History

Paula S. Rothenberg: White Privilege

Eusi Kwayana: No Guilty Race

David Hinds: Race and Political Discourse in Guyana.

Other readings will be posted online—on the class blackboard.

Videos of Interviews and other audio-visual materials will be posted on the blackboard.

Grading Scale
A 90-100%
B 80-89%
C 70-79%
D 60-69%
F Below 60
Course Requirements

Critique of Readings and Videos

Students will do four (5-7 page) essays during the course of the semester critiquing the readings and/or videos.

The essays will be a response to question(s) posed by the Professor.

In addition the essays must summarize and critique the readings by:

a) Identifying the main argument(s) and/or theme(s) in each chapter—What is the writer trying to say? Who is he/she speaking to?

b) Linking the chapters to the central theme of the class;

c) Discussing your agreements or disagreements with points raised by the authors;

d) Discussing whether you have acquired new information and how the chapters have enhanced your understanding of the subject of the class.

Essays are due before class begins on the Tuesday of Weeks 5, 10, 14 and 16. (Hard copies only! No email submissions!)

Absolutely no late essays! This part of the course accounts for 60% of the final grade (15% for each essay).

Term Project

Students will do a term project which is worth 30% of the final grade. Each student will interview an expert on Race and Racism and do a paper based on the interview. The Professor will provide a list of experts and their contact information and each student will choose the expert he or she would like to interview—only one student will be assigned to an expert. Students must come up with a theme for the interview and a list of questions and clear them with the professor by Week 6. The interviews can be via telephone, email or, if possible, face-to-face and must be at least 30 minutes long. The finished paper is due by the end of Week 14.

Online Discussion

Students will engage in online discussion on topical issues and debates pertaining to the Caribbean. The professor will introduce a topic and students will, at their leisure, debate the topic on the Discussion Board. A new topic will be introduced every three weeks. This part of the course accounts for 10% of the final grade.

Attendance and Participation

Students are expected to attend classes regularly and participate in the discussions. While students will not be penalized for missing classes, those who attend classes regularly will
stand to benefit as classroom lectures will be pivotal to doing well in the class. Students are urged to keep the Professor updated on illness and other emergencies.

**Extra Credit Assignments**
The Professor will give Extra Credit Assignments from time to time during the semester. These assignments are optional, but students are encouraged to take advantage of the opportunities to do them. Students who are absent on the days the assignments are given will not be allowed to do them.

**Note:** Students should strive for quality work regardless of the number of pages it takes.

**Schedule of Readings and Videos**

**Race and Racism in the US: History and Meaning**

**Week 1:** Race in the 21st Century  
Fredrickson: Epilogue and Appendix

**Week 2:** Religion and Race  
Fredrickson: Chapter 1

**Week 3:** Race in the 18th and 19th centuries  
Fredrickson: Chapter 2

**Week 4:** Race in the 20th Century  
Fredrickson: Chapter 3  
Video on Race in the USA

**The Other side of Racism**

**Week 5:** Whiteness and Invisibility  
Rothenberg: Part 1

**Week 6:** Whiteness and the Past (1)  
Rothenberg: Part 2

**Week 7:** Whiteness and Privilege  
Rothenberg: Part 3

**Week 8:** Whiteness and Resistance  
Rothenberg: Part 4  
Video on Race in the USA

**Week 9:** SPRING BREAK

**Race and Racism in the Caribbean**
Week 10: Racial Insecurity in Guyana
Hinds: “Race and Political Culture in Guyana” (posted online)
Hinds: Part 1

Week 11: The Guilty Race Syndrome
Hinds: Part 2
Video on Race in Guyana

Week 12: No Guilty Race
Kwayana: Part 1

Week 13: No Guilty Race
Kwayana: Part 2
Hinds: Part 3

Race and Racism in South Africa

Week 14: Apartheid and White Supremacy
McDonald “The logic of White Supremacy” (posted on-line)
Video on Race in South Africa

Week 15: Race and Identity
McDonald “The Mother of Identity Politics” (posted on-line)
McDonald “The White Man’s Burden” (posted on-line)
Second Edition

Paula Rothenberg has collected the classic core writings on white privilege and created a highly accessible, interdisciplinary resource meant to encourage deep discussions about race and prejudice in today's world and to spark new thinking. Instead of focusing exclusively on the human cost of racism, this volume encourages us to explore the ways in which some people or groups actually benefit, deliberately or inadvertently, from racial bias. The new second edition of White Privilege once again challenges readers to explore ideas for using the power and the concept of white privilege to help combat racism in their own lives, and includes key essays and articles by writers like Peggy McIntosh, Richard Dyer, bell hooks, Robert Jensen, Allan G. Johnson, and others. Two additional essays add new levels of complexity to our understanding of the paradoxical nature of white privilege and the politics and economics that lie behind the social construction of whiteness, making White Privilege, Second Edition, an even better choice for educators.

About the author

Paula Rothenberg is Director of the New Jersey Project on Inclusive Scholarship and a professor at the William Paterson University of New Jersey. She is the author of several books including the autobiographical Invisible Privilege: A Memoir About Race, Class, and Gender and the best-selling anthology Race, Class, and Gender in the United States: An Integrated Study. She is also co-editor of Creating an Inclusive College Curriculum: A Teaching Sourcebook from the New Jersey Project and Feminist Frameworks.
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RACISM A SHORT HISTORY
GEORGE M. FREDICKSON

With a rare blend of learning, economy, and cutting insight, George Fredrickson surveys the history of Western racism, from its emergence in the late Middle Ages to the present. This illuminating work is the first to treat racism across such a sweep of history and geography. It is distinguished not only by its original comparison of modern racism's two most significant varieties—white supremacy and anti-Semitism—but also by its eminent readability.

George M. Fredrickson is Edgar E. Robinson Professor of United States History at Stanford University and codirector of the Research Institute for the Comparative Study of Race and Ethnicity. He is the author of many books on the history of racial ideologies, including The Black Image in the White Mind.

"Written in . . . characteristically crisp, clear prose, [Fredrickson] draws both on a wide range of recent work by others and on nearly half a century of his own writings on immigration, race, and nationalism in the United States and elsewhere, to provide us with a masterly—though not uncontroversial—synthesis."

"Fredrickson deftly combines intellectual and social history to explain the emergence of racism and its recent decline. . . . A learned and elegant essay."

"Brisk, intense, incisive . . . The best, most erudite introduction to racism available."
— Carlin Romano, Philadelphia Inquirer

"An] amazingly concise . . . compelling and accessible narrative."
— Publishers Weekly

"This is comparative history at its best."
— Eric D. Weitz, author of For Race and Nation

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David Hinds

“I want that as people, a people, it is not only a dignitary, it is drawn by a comment, matters, we must see this as an attempt to bring anything for yourself and you are interested in running or government. We should deal with our communities and our islands, organise in little parts of the village. Talk about your problems and when we begin to talk bring in our families and daughters to give off the expertise. Make demands of them, because they went to university on your back. Begin to place..."

No government including that of the PNC has failed to assist the Guyanese in the fight against racial and ethnic marginalisation of Guyanese against Indian Guyanese. Some African said that I have concentrated on African Guyanese behaviour without paying attention to the next car..."
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