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GENERAL STUDIES PROGRAM COURSE PROPOSAL COVER FORM

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DATE August 18, 2009

1. ACADEMIC UNIT: African and African American Studies

2. COURSE PROPOSED: AFS 415 Black Political Thought 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 955-0739.

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 □ CS □
   Humanities, Fine Arts and Design—HU □
   Social and Behavioral Sciences—SB □
   Natural Sciences—SQ □ SG □

   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 minisection course?: ■ No □ Yes; Is it governed by a common syllabus? _________

   Stanlie James
   Chair/Director (Print or Type) ______________________

   Chair/Director (Signature) ______________________

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New Course
Arizona State University Criteria Checklist for

SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES [SB]

Rationale and Objectives

The importance of the social and behavioral sciences is evident in both the increasing number of scientific inquiries into human behavior and the amount of attention paid to those inquiries. In both private and public sectors people rely on social scientific findings to assess the social consequences of large-scale economic, technological, scientific, and cultural changes.

Social scientists' observations about human behavior and their unique perspectives on human events make an important contribution to civic dialogue. Today, those insights are particularly crucial due to the growing economic and political interdependence among nations.

Courses proposed for General Studies designation in the Social and Behavioral Sciences area must demonstrate emphases on: (1) social scientific theories and principles, (2) the methods used to acquire knowledge about cultural or social events and processes, and (3) the impact of social scientific understanding on the world.
Proposer: Please complete the following section and attach appropriate documentation.

### ASU-[SB] CRITERIA

A SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE [SB] course should meet all of the following criteria. If not, a rationale for exclusion should be provided.

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- **1.** Course is designed to advance basic understanding and knowledge about human interaction.

- **2.** Course content emphasizes the study of social behavior such as that found in:
  - ANTHROPOLOGY
  - ECONOMICS
  - CULTURAL GEOGRAPHY
  - HISTORY

- **3.** Course emphasizes:
  - a. the distinct knowledge base of the social and behavioral sciences (e.g., sociological anthropological).
  - **OR**
  - b. the distinct methods of inquiry of the social and behavioral sciences (e.g., ethnography, historical analysis).

- **4.** Course illustrates use of social and behavioral science perspectives and data.

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**THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF COURSES ARE EXCLUDED FROM THE [SB] AREA EVEN THOUGH THEY MIGHT GIVE SOME CONSIDERATION TO SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE CONCERNS:**

- Courses with primarily fine arts, humanities, literary, or philosophical content.
- Courses with primarily natural or physical science content.
- Courses with predominantly applied orientation for professional skills or training purposes.
- Courses emphasizing primarily oral, quantitative, or written skills.
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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>1. Course is designed to advance basic understanding and knowledge about human interaction.</td>
<td>This course explores the ideas that have shaped politics in the Black World from the mid-nineteenth century onward. Within the context of historical development the course will examine the ideas of resistance, liberation, nation and governance.</td>
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<td>2. Course content emphasizes the study of social behavior such as that found in: anthropology, economics, and history.</td>
<td>The course emphasizes the study of the social behavioral sciences and their methods of inquiry extensively in this course. Examples of this are found in the topics (and resulting readings) such as &quot;The Contours of Black Political Thought&quot;, &quot;Pan Africanism&quot;, &quot;Black Nationalism&quot; and &quot;Black Feminism&quot;.</td>
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<td>4. Course illustrates use of social behavioral science perspectives and data.</td>
<td>The text of this course (examples of contents provided) illustrate the use of social behavioral science perspectives and data.</td>
<td>Syllabus: Required readings, examples of contents of texts provided.</td>
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African and African American Studies
Black Political Thought

AFS 415

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Office Hours: N/A

Course Description
This course explores the ideas that have shaped politics in the Black World from the mid-nineteenth century onwards. These include ideas of resistance, liberation, nation and governance, emanating from Africa, the USA, the Caribbean and Latin America. The course seeks to give students an understanding of these ideas within the context of the historical development of the Black World and the larger global community. Hence, the intersection of politics, race and history. Ideas to be explored include Black Nationalism, Black Feminism, Race and Ethnicity, Black Liberalism, Black Power, Black Marxism and Pan Africanism. In the process students will be exposed to seminal Black thinkers such as CLR James, WEB Dubois, CLR James, Marcus Garvey, Stokely Carmichael, Ida B Wells, Walter Rodney, Kwame Nkrumah, Eusi Kwayana and Angela Davis. This course is particularly useful for students with an interest in Political Philosophy, Political History, Black Liberation, Race and Global History and Politics.

Required Textbooks


Course Packet: Black Political Thought in the African Diaspora

Course Requirements
Exams
Students will do four (4) exams during the course of the semester. Each exam is worth 20% of the total grade.

Book Review
Students will choose and read a book from a list to be provided by the Professor and do a 7-10 page Book Review. The list of books will be distributed to students. Please okay your book with me no later than the end of Week 6. This assignment is worth 20% of the final grade and is due by the end of Week 12. The review should include the following:

Discussion of Main points/arguments/themes
How the book is linked to two themes of the course
Points you agree/disagree with
New Information
Author's knowledge of Subject

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 and the more you are present, the more you are likely to participate. If you miss more than four classes you are beginning to lose ground.

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.

Grading Scale
A: 90-100 points
B: 80-89 points
C: 70-79 points
D: 60-69 points
F: Below 60 points

Schedule of Readings

The Contours of Black Political Thought

Week 1: Origins and Scope
Dawson, Chapter 1
Henry, Chapter 1

Week 2: Early Black Thought in the USA
Henry, Chapters 2 & 3

Week 3: Radical Black Thought in the Caribbean
Anthony Bogues: “Walter Rodney: Groundings, Revolution and the Politics of Coloniality

Pan Africanism

Week 4: Definition
Johnson: “The Spiritual Roots of Pan Africanism”
Geiss: “What is Pan Africanism?”
Henry: Chapter 8
Week 5: Classical Pan African Thought
Manning Marable, “The Pan African of WEB Dubois”
Tony Martin, “George Padmore as a Prototype of the Black Historian in the age of Militancy”
CLR James “Notes on George Padmore”
Kwame Nkrumah “Address to the Conference of Independent African States in 1963”

Week 6: Radical Pan African Thought
Walter Rodney: “Aspects of the International Class Struggle in Africa”
Robert Hill “Walter Rodney and the Restatement of Pan Africanism in Theory and Practice”
Kwame Ture, “Pan Africanism”
Malcolm X, “Our People Identify with Africa”

Black Nationalism

Week 7: Foundations of Black Nationalism
Dawson, Chapter 3
Edward Blyden: "The African Problem and the Method of its Solution”
Fredrick Douglass “An Address to the Colored People of the United States”

Week 8: WEB Dubois and Marcus Garvey
WEB Dubois, “The Conservation of Races”
WEB Dubois, “The Talented Tenth”
John Henrik Clarke, “Marcus Garvey and the Concept of African Nation-Formation in the 20th Century”
Marcus Garvey, “The True Solution of the Negro Problem”

Black Liberalism and Black Marxism

Week 9: The Origins and Scope of Black Marxism
Dawson, Chapter 5

Week 10: Black Marxism in Africa and the Caribbean
Henry, Chapter 9

Week 11: Black Liberalism in the USA
Dawson, Chapter 6

Black Feminism

Week 12: The Contours of Black Feminist Thought
Dawson, Chapter 4

Week 13: Black Feminist Thought in the USA and the Caribbean
Patricia Hill Harris: “The social Construction of Black Feminist Thought
Black Power

Week 14:
Stokely Carmichael “Toward Black Liberation”

Week 15: Caribbean Black Power
Walter Rodney “Black Power: A Basic Understanding”
CLR James, “Black Power”

Race and Ethnicity

Week 16:
David Hinds: “Eusi Kwayana’s Political Thought”
Walter Rodney “Race and Politics in Guyana”
Caliban's Reason

Introducing Afro-Caribbean Philosophy

Paget Henry
“Paget Henry refines the intellectual life of the Caribbean like an alchemist, transmuting implicit ontologies, existential psychologies, and epistemologies into an explicit philosophy at a high level of sophistication and reflexivity. He pours into the mixture European intellectual tools, African ethnophilosophy, and postcolonial insurgencies, and from their clashes and meldings issues a stream of creativity. The result—Caliban’s Reason—is both a revealing work of intellectual history, and a new impetus in philosophy.”

—Randall Collins, author of *The Sociology of Philosophies: A Global Theory of Intellectual Change*

“A signal contribution to an important if long-neglected aspect of West Indian cultural and intellectual life. *Caliban’s Reason* critically restores several key figures of international influence—C. L. R. James, Frantz Fanon, Wilson Harris—to their Antillean context and particularity, urging us to recognize the existence of a distinctively regional tradition of ‘Caribbean’ philosophical discourse. Henry’s examination of that tradition reveals both its debt to African philosophy and our need to reassess the ways we conventionally represent Caribbean thought. *Caliban’s Reason* should provoke lively discussion about the process of Caribbean creolization and the creole caribbeanization of philosophy.”

—Roberto Marquez, founding editor of *Caliban: A Journal of New World Thought and Writing*

Paget Henry is an associate professor of sociology and Afro-American studies at Brown University. He is the author of *Peripheral Capitalism and Underdevelopment in Antigua* and the co-editor of C. L. R. James’s *Caribbean*. Henry is also the editor of *The C. L. R. James Journal*, and has published numerous articles on the political economy of the Caribbean, as well as on African and Afro-Caribbean philosophy.

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—William Julius Wilson

"Michael Dawson's Black Visions is a must read for all students of black political thought. Dawson combines an historically situated methodology with complex quantitative analysis of contemporary national public opinion polls. His scholarly range gives momentum to his analysis and simultaneously provides an impressive evidentiary basis for his conclusions. Dawson convincingly argues that black political thought, though often noisy and impolite, is both more complex than most of us realize and yet key to appreciating the intertwined phenomena of race and American democracy. He details, in some of the most interesting chapters in the volume, the multiple ways in which black political thought, from black feminism to disillusioned liberalism, has developed autonomously while interacting with political debate generally. Dawson documents how black ideologies provide their own sustaining narrative of resistance and triumph while often embracing a larger than life version of the American creed. He effectively contrasts the robust vision that animates many ideologies within the black community with the thin view of both democracy and equality that anchors opinion within the larger elite spectrum of our society. Dawson's study of black political thought offers a trenchant understanding—as well as a deeply grounded critique—of the theory and practice of American democracy."

—Lani Guinier

"Michael Dawson exhibits a rare capacity to weave together African-American history, scholarship, and cultural ethos with a cutting-edge methodological sophistication and behaviorist commitment to hypothesis-testing and modeling. Black Visions is a signal achievement that will command attention across the social sciences and most likely blaze a trail for the next generation of political scientists interested in understanding African-American political behavior."

—Lawrence Bobo
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