Courses in Africana Studies

A Afs 150
Life in the Third World (3)
*This course offered online through the Blackboard Learning System.*  Introduction to cultural variation and fragmentation among third-world developing communities. Some lectures and discussions are led by third-world graduate students. Whenever possible, distinguished visitors from third-world countries are also involved in the course.

(2584) Gyamfi, Alexander
4 Week 1: May 26-June 19
*Online course in Blackboard*

A Afs 219/A Afs 219Z
Introduction to African/African-American History (3)
Survey of the cultural and historical background of African-Americans from their African heritage to their present role in American society. A AFS 219Z is the writing intensive version of A AFS 219; only one may be taken for credit.

(2467/2468) Slade Jr., Leonard
6 Week 2: June 22-July 31
MTWThF 9:30a.m-10:50a.m.
SS-255

A Afs 286 (=A His 286)
African Civilizations (3)
*This course offered online through the Blackboard Learning System.*  Africa from prehistoric times to 1800 with emphasis on sub-Saharan Africa, the development of indigenous states and their response to Western and Eastern contacts. Only one of A AFS 286 & A HIS 286 may be taken for credit.

(2630) Agum, David
6 Week 1: May 26-July 3
*Online course in Blackboard*

A Afs 287 (=A His 287)
Africa in the Modern World (3)
*This course offered online through the Blackboard Learning System.*  Africa since 1800: exploration, the end of the slave trade, the development of interior states, European partition, the colonial period, and the rise of independent Africa. Only one of A AFS 287 & A HIS 287 may be taken for credit.

(1400) Essien, Frank
4 Week 3: July 20-August 14
*Online course in Blackboard*

A Afs 311
History of Slavery in the Western Hemisphere (3)
*This course offered online through the Blackboard Learning System.*  The institution of slavery and its effects in the Western Hemisphere, its origins, bases of continuance, and contemporary residuals. Prerequisite(s): A HIS 100 or 100Z, and 101 or 101Z.

(2469) Williams, Oscar
4 Week 3: July 20-August 14
*Online course in Blackboard*
A Afs 499
An Examination of the Health of Minority Communities in the United States (3)
This course will review health in various minority communities in the United States today. The course will explore the impact of health and health issues on the community from the perspective of community residents, health and human service providers, insurers/third party payers, and community support networks.
The course will include an overview of each ethnic group studied and the major health and health status issues they are confronted with from a historical perspective. There will be a discussion of definitions pertaining to health and health status and identification of key indicators (e.g. genetic, biologic, clinical, behavioral, environmental, and sociological) utilized to define and assess the health status of individuals and population groups. Using national surveys and reports, the course will review and describe the health issues for the different communities as a whole and, where applicable, look at the differences that may exist among subgroups which make up each community. This would include examining some of the theories that have been proposed to explain the variations in health status.
There will be a discussion of the various minority communities as they have been defined and described by national and international authorities and organizations such as the United States government (Census Bureau and other federal agencies like the US Department of Health and Human Services) and international organizations such as the World Health Organization, from an historical perspective and those currently accepted. The course would also address the influence these definitions have in terms of defining goals for health, health policy development, and related resource allocation/distribution.
The national debate on Health Care Reform and the controversy surrounding the United States federal legislation will be discussed. This will include a review of the research literature on health disparities and health equity. Special focus will be on the discussion of the impact of this dialogue on the policies and decisions that ultimately could affect the allocation and distribution of health and human services resources. The discussion will address renewed emphasis on national health care coverage and the impact this could have on the status of health for minority communities in the United States.
(2465) Johnson, Annette
6 Week 2: June 22-July 31
MTTh 6:00p.m-8:30p.m.
ED-22

Graduate Courses

A Afs 599
An Examination of the Health of Minority Communities in the United States (2-4)
Shared resource with A Afs 499 (2465). Please refer to that listing for complete course description.
(2466) Johnson, Annette
6 Week 2: June 22-July 31
MTTh 6:00p.m-8:30p.m.
ED-22