

Course Code: HIS 121 (IAI S2 923D)

Course Title: African American History from 1865 to Present

Department: Arts, Media, and Social Sciences

Effective Date: Summer 2026

PCS Code: 1.1 - Baccalaureate/Transfer

CIP Code: 54.9996

Repeatability: 0

Credit Hours

Catalog Notation: 3-0-3

Credit Hour Distribution:

Lecture: 3

Lab: 0

Clinical: 0

Total: 3

General Course Information

Catalog Description

History of African American people in the United States from 1865 to the present. Emphasis on the changing economic, political, social, and cultural conditions of African Americans and on their contributions to American society.

General Course Objectives

To provide students with an introduction to African American history and culture from the nineteenth century to the present.

Minimum Placement Levels

English	Reading	Math
Placement out of ENG 098	Placement out of CCS 098	None

Prerequisites

None

Methods of Evaluation

Students take a midterm and a final exam; both are mixed objective-essay exams. Students are required to complete a reading and writing assignment which is usually a 2,000 word research paper which makes use of both primary and secondary sources.

Instructional Materials and Additional Supplies

The African Americans, Author: Gates. 9781401935153

Course Content

General Learning Outcomes (GLOs)

- Critical Thinking and Information Literacy: Students will demonstrate the ability to evaluate perspectives, evidence, and implications, and to locate, assess, and use information effectively.
- Global Awareness and Cultural Reasoning: Students will demonstrate their understanding of global issues, gender and sexual orientation, and multicultural perspectives.

Course Segments and Student Learning Outcomes

Course Segment	Learning Outcomes	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours
Introduction	1. Analyze the role of African Americans in the political, social, educational, and economic systems in America, from Reconstruction to the present.	4	0	0
The Impact of Reconstruction on African American People	1. Examine the problems and achievements of Reconstruction.	3	0	0
The Collapse of Reconstruction	1. Demonstrate knowledge of and analyze the reasons for the end of Reconstruction.	3	0	0
The Development of Jim Crow/Segregation	1. Describe the development of Jim Crow/Segregation and its repercussions on the future history of the African American people in the United States.	3	0	0
The Booker T. Washington Era	1. Examine the response of Booker T. Washington to the collapse of Reconstruction and the rise of Jim Crow/Segregation.	3	0	0
Rejection of Accommodationism/Rise of Protest	1. Compare and contrast the methods of Booker T. Washington to those of W. E. B. Du Bois and other African American leaders.	4	0	0
Early Protest Organization	1. Examine the rise of African American organizations like the NAACP.	3	0	0
Northern Migration and Ghettoization	1. Describe the African American migrations into the North.	3	0	0
Marcus Garvey and the Universal Negro Improvement Association	1. Demonstrate knowledge of the contributions of Marcus Garvey and the rise of pan-Africanism.	3	0	0
The Harlem Renaissance	1. Analyze the role that artists and authors of the Harlem Renaissance played in the civil rights movement.	3	0	0
Depression/New Deal/World War II	1. Discuss the effects of the Depression, New Deal, and World War II on African Americans.	4	0	0
Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s	1. Examine how the Civil Rights movement gained new strength and began to eliminate some forms of segregation.	3	0	0
Black Power/Nationalism/Separatism, 1960s and 1970s	1. Demonstrate knowledge of how the Civil Rights movement employed a variety of methods to continue its opposition to segregation in the late twentieth century.	3	0	0
At the Crossroad: African Americans today	1. Examine the contemporary status of African Americans in America.	3	0	0

Total Contact Hours

Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours
45	0	0