AFST 202: Introduction to African-American Studies  
Spring 2009

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Section 4: 8:10 – 9:25 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday / HSS 55  
Section 1: 9:40 – 10:55 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday /HSS 55  
Section 2: 12:40 – 1:55 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday /HSS 120

This course traces the lives of African Americans from the end of the Civil War period to the contemporary period. We will examine the following themes in African American history: Black life during Reconstruction; the migratory patterns of African Americans; the Civil Rights Movement; Black Nationalism and Hip-hop culture.

Required Texts (at University Center Bookstore):


Course Requirements
Students are required to attend class regularly and complete reading assignments for each class. Students are allowed THREE absences during the semester. Any additional absences will result in a ten percent deduction from your final grade.

I frown on people who continually show up late for class. More than twice will be considered a disruption of class and dealt with accordingly.

This course consists of readings, lectures, movies and classroom discussion. Exams will be based on material from each of these sources. There will be four exams given during the semester. Each exam will be worth 20 percent. I will count your three highest exam scores in your final grade.

There will be no makeup exams except in extraordinary circumstances, in which case students must contact me by e-mail (blouis2@utk.edu) before the scheduled exams. Extraordinary circumstances include a death of a friend or in one’s family. Doctor appointments are acceptable as long as it is accompanied by a Doctor’s statement. No makeup exams will be scheduled after a regular exam has been given.

As part of your final grade, you will also take movie quizzes. Each quiz is worth 10 percent. I will count the three highest movie quizzes into your final grade. If a student misses a movie, they must notify me by e-mail as soon as possible.
The final part of your grade consists of attendance and participation in class discussion all worth 10 percent.

Grade Summary
60%     Three highest of four exams (20% each)
30%     Three highest of four movie quizzes (10% each)
10%     Attendance and Class Participation
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100%

Students with Disabilities
If you need course adaptations or accommodations because of a documented disability, please contact the Office of Disability Services at 2227 Dunford Hall (telephone/TTY 865-974-6087; e-mail: ods@utk.edu) by January 16. This will ensure that you are properly registered for services

THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE HONOR STATEMENT

An essential feature of The University of Tennessee is a commitment to maintaining an atmosphere of intellectual integrity and academic honesty. As a student of the University, I pledge that I will neither knowingly give nor receive any inappropriate assistance in academic work, thus affirming my own personal commitment to honor and integrity.

Cell Phones
Please turn off all cell phones and pagers before entering the classroom. If it is absolutely necessary to have your cell phones on, put them on vibrate and try to be inconspicuous if you need to check. Failure to do so constitutes class disruption (See student handbook).

Sexual Harassment
Read your Student Handbook for regulations. If a situation is brought to my attention, be advised that I will act immediately on the complaint.

COURSE OUTLINE AND READINGS SCHEDULE (SUBJECT TO CHANGES)

1/8: Introduction

1/13: Movie and Quiz # 1

1/15: Begin Chapter 12: The Meaning of Freedom
1/20: CLASS CANCELLED (INAUGURATION OF THE 44TH PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES)

Assignment:

- Watch the Inauguration Day Speech
- Write at least 200 words of your impressions and thoughts concerning the inauguration with regard to African-American History and bring it to the 1/22 class

1/22: Class Discussion of Inauguration /Finish Chapter 12: The Meaning of Freedom

1/27: Chapter 14 of *The African American Odyssey*: African Americans in the South

1/29: Finish Chapter 14 of *The African American Odyssey*: African Americans in the South

2/3: Chapter 15 of *The African American Odyssey*: Black Southerners Challenge White Supremacy

2/5: Finish Chapter 15 of *The African American Odyssey*: Black Southerners Challenge White Supremacy

2/10: Exam # 1

2/12: Movie and Quiz # 2

2/17: Chapter 16 of *The African American Odyssey*: Conciliation, Agitation and Migration

2/19: Finish Chapter 16 of *The African American Odyssey*: Conciliation, Agitation and Migration

2/24: Chapter 17 of *The African American Odyssey*: African-Americans and the 1920s

2/26: Finish Chapter 17 of *The African American Odyssey*: African-Americans and the 1920s

3/3: Begin Chapter 18 of *The African American Odyssey*: Black Protest, the Great Depression and the New Deal

- *Dr. Louis presents his research as part of the Humanities Initiative from 12 – 1 p.m. All are invited (Section 2 will have an abbreviated class this day).*

3/5: Finish Chapter 18 of *The African American Odyssey*: Black Protest, the Great Depression and the New Deal

3/10: Exam # 2
3/12: Movie and Quiz # 3

3/17 and 3/19: SPRING BREAK (March 16-20)


4/9: Exam # 3

4/10: SPRING RECESS

4/14: Movie and Quiz # 4

4/16: Chapter 5 of Blacks in Tennessee: The Pursuit of Education

4/21: Chapter 22: The Struggle Continues

4/23: Finish Chapter 22: The Struggle Continues

FIN final EXAM SCHEDULE FOR ALL SECTIONS

Section 4 (The class that meets from 8:10 – 9:25 a.m.)
  • Tuesday, May 5th from 8-10 am

Section 1 (The class that meets from 9:40 – 10:55 a.m.)
  • Tuesday, April 28th from 10:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Section 2 (The class that meets from 12:40 – 1:55 p.m.)
  • Monday, May 4th from 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.