

Minnesota State University Moorhead

HIST 377: African-Americans in U.S. History

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: 3

Lab Hours/Week: 0

OJT Hours/Week: *.*

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: None

The historical experience of African Americans from slavery to the present; how American society has oppressed African Americans and how they have struggled against that oppression, with particular emphasis on organized resistance in the era of the Civil Rights movement.

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 06/01/1995 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. The African slave trade and the development of slavery
2. The American Revolution and the emergence of free black communities
3. Antebellum slavery and abolitionism
4. African-Americans in the Civil War and Reconstruction
5. African-Americans in the era of Jim Crow
6. Political struggles and the rise of the Civil Rights movement
7. Achievements and continuing challenges since the 1960s

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. To understand how an American system of racial oppression arose under slavery and persisted after emancipation.
2. To understand how slavery shaped the lives of African-Americans, and how they managed within those constraints to forge meaningful lives.
3. To examine African Americans organized struggles for racial equality, especially during the period of the civil rights and black power movements.
4. To develop reading skills using a variety of source materials and writing about them.
5. To develop critical thinking skills by examining changing interpretations of African-American history in relation to changing attitudes about race.
6. To develop skills in both oral and written communication.

E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

None

F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted