



**Course Name:** African American History 1

**Course Number:** HIS\* E 216

**Credits:** 3

**Catalog description:** This course examines the significant role that African-Americans have played in American history. This course explores the period of history from the earliest beginnings to 1877. It investigates African empires and civilizations through the development of the Atlantic slave trade and continuing to the New World to deal with the American Colonial period, the Revolutionary War, the Civil War, and finishing with the end of Reconstruction in 1877.

**Prerequisite or Parallel:** ENG\* E101

## **General Education Competencies Satisfied:**

**HCC General Education Requirement Designated Competency Attribute Code(s):**

None

**Additional CSCU General Education Requirements for CSCU Transfer Degree Programs:**

None

**Embedded Competency(ies):**

None

**Discipline-Specific Attribute Code(s):**

SSCI                      Social Science elective

## **Course objectives:**

### **Course Specific Objectives:**

1. Understand the background of the development of the Atlantic Slave Trade as having both economic and social aspects;
2. Interpret the various developments that made the African slave trade so profitable, and thus, so essential to American economic success;
3. Grasp the significance of the anti-slavery movement in the United States during the 19<sup>th</sup> Century.



**Course Content:**

1. Introduction – Africa as the birthplace of humankind and early civilization
2. Western and Central African kingdoms
  - a. Ghana
  - b. Mali
  - c. Songhay
  - d. Kongo
  - e. Matamba
3. The Trans-Atlantic slave trade
  - a. The Triangular Trade
  - b. Impact on Europe
  - c. Development of the Western Hemisphere
4. African-Americans in the New World
  - a. Colonial Period (1619-1775)
  - b. Independence (1783)
5. The establishment and nature of the Cotton Kingdom in the southern United States
6. The anti-slavery movement
  - a. Abolitionism
  - b. William Lloyd Garrison
  - c. Frederick Douglass
  - d. Harriet Tubman
  - e. Sojourner Truth
  - f. Harriet Beecher Stowe
7. The American Civil War and African Americans
  - a. Emancipation
  - b. Black Soldiers in Blue
8. Reconstruction and the Radical Republicans
  - a. 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Amendments

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