



**Course Name: African American History II**

**Course Number: HIS\* 217**

**Credits: 3**

**Catalog description:** This course examines African-American experiences from the end of Reconstruction through modern times. It illustrates some of the many success stories of African-Americans and identifies the obstacles to the enjoyment of full civil rights that were placed in their way. This course covers the contributions of African-Americans to education, literature, the military, and the sciences. It also investigates the Civil Rights movement and protest movement of the 1960s and beyond in the United States up to the present day.

**Prerequisite Parallel: ENG\* 101**

### **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 nature of Jim Crow, Plessy vs. Ferguson, and segregation;
2. Understand the various strains of African-American activism that arose by the 20<sup>th</sup> Century;
3. Analyze the role that the world wars played in the advancement of African-Americans.



4. Grasp the changes in U.S. society that came both before and after Brown vs. the Topeka Board of Education Supreme Court decision.
5. Comprehend the current status and direction of African-American activism and the challenges that lay before it.

**Course Content:**

1. Introduction to the situation of African-Americans in the United States in 1877.
2. The rise of Jim Crow and segregation – the ‘Nadir’ for African-Americans
3. Early African-American activism
  - a. Booker T. Washington
  - b. W.E.B. Dubois
4. African-Americans contributions to the armed forces, education, literature and science
5. The early 20<sup>th</sup> Century – the effect of historical movements and events on the African-American community in the United States
  - a. Progressivism
  - b. The NAACP
  - c. The Great Depression
  - d. World War II
6. Post-World War II
  - a. Desegregation of the Civil Service and armed forces
  - b. Dr. Martin Luther King, Malcolm X, and the Civil Rights struggle
  - c. The urbanization of African-American populations
7. The 1960s and beyond
  - a. Radicalization of the African-American movements
  - b. New Challenges to progress – crime, drugs, and equal opportunities

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