

131-462 Reading African-American History

Credit Points:	12.500
Level:	Undergraduate
Dates & Locations:	This subject is not offered in 2008. .
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: A 2-hour seminar per week Total Time Commitment: .
Prerequisites:	Usually admission to the postgraduate diploma or fourth-year honours in history or American studies.
Corequisites:	.
Recommended Background Knowledge:	.
Non Allowed Subjects:	.
Core Participation Requirements:	.
Coordinator:	Dr David Goodman
Subject Overview:	This subject introduces students to some of the important debates in African-American historiography. It will also lead them to reflect on the mutual influences between black and white society and culture in the United States, and on the cultural forms which have resulted from that mutual influence. Chronologically, the course ranges from 18th century slave society to the present. Historiographically, the works studied will include social and economic histories of African-American life, as well as cultural and political histories. On completion of the subject students should have demonstrated an understanding of current debates in African-American history; some aspects of the substantive history of slavery, reconstruction, segregation, and 20th century African American social movements; and should be able to express that understanding in writing and speech.
Assessment:	A research essay of 3500 words 60% (due mid-semester) and a review essay of 1500 words 40% (due in the examination period).
Prescribed Texts:	.
Recommended Texts:	.
Breadth Options:	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.
Fees Information:	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees
Generic Skills:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # show an advanced understanding of the changing knowledge base in the specialist area; # be able to evaluate and synthesise the research and professional literature in the discipline; # have an appreciation of the design, conduct and reporting of original research.
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