The Center for Africana Studies (CAS) offers a rigorous focus on African-descended peoples and their cultures across the globe. Over the past millennium, the contribution, traditions, and values of African, African-American, and African Diaspora cultures helped create the modern and pre-modern world. Africana Studies, as a field of study, grew from the activist and scholarly traditions of Black Studies and the blending of peoples and ideas between Europe, Africa, and the America. It therefore offers a broad, multidisciplinary approach to history and culture centered on the interests, conditions, philosophies, conceptual schemes, and value systems of African-descended people everywhere. Our courses focus on the human experience in the context of social, political, demographic, cultural, religious, and economic systems. They also offer a unique perspective on racism, colonialism, capitalism, and geography that properly situates the importance of people of color to the making of the modern world.

Africana Studies offers a multidisciplinary curriculum that expands the scope and range of traditional academic disciplines to the presence, roles, cultural contributions, experiences, and particular interests of African peoples and their descendants.

**Requirements for a B.A. Degree**

Also see Requirements for a Bachelor’s Degree ([http://e-catalog.jhu.edu/undergrad-students/academic-policies/requirements-for-a-bachelors-degree](http://e-catalog.jhu.edu/undergrad-students/academic-policies/requirements-for-a-bachelors-degree)).

Students who choose to major in Africana Studies must complete at least 33 credit hours of course work in three areas of Africana Studies - African and African Diaspora Studies, African American Studies, and Urban Studies. All course must be taken for a letter grade and be completed with a grade of C- or better.

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**Sample Program of Study**

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**Honors**

Students who wish to do honors in Africana Studies are required to take a two-semester research seminar, in which they will prepare an honors thesis in consultation with a faculty advisor in the student’s particular area of interest and the faculty coordinator of the undergraduate research seminar. The research seminar will provide guidance on research design, methodology, and analysis and presentation of findings, and give students an opportunity to discuss one another’s projects, share experiences, and receive constructive comments from their peers as well as the faculty coordinator.

In selecting research topics and collecting materials, students are encouraged to explore resources outside those immediately available on campus. With its rich collection of museums and archives, large and historic African-American communities, and growing populations of recent migrants from Africa, the Baltimore-Washington area offers many opportunities for research in Africana Studies. Students who wish to undertake research in Africa or in African American or African diasporic communities beyond the local area will be encouraged to take advantage of summer research grants and/or study abroad opportunities available at Hopkins. The center will work with other departments and programs at Hopkins on behalf of students who wish to combine their research in Africana Studies with work in another field or ongoing program, such as the joint Minority Health Program recently established by the School of Public Health and Morgan State University.

**Undergraduate Minor Requirements**

Students who wish to minor in Africana Studies must complete a minimum of 18 credits, including two core courses and electives. Three of the electives must be upper-level courses. All course must be taken for a letter grade and be completed with a grade of C- or better.

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For current faculty and contact information go to http://krieger.jhu.edu/africana/directory/index.html

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Center for Africana Studies

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Courses

AS.362.109. Introduction to African American Literature- Part II. 3.0 Credits.
This course will offer students an introduction to the central novels, plays, short stories, essays and poetry that have constituted African American Literature from 1930-1980. By focusing on representative works that span each of the major periods from the Harlem Renaissance to the Black Arts Movement, we will continue to consider the question of race and representation. How does one represent the race? And, for whom should black authors write – a white audience in order to change their minds about black people, or to black people for their pleasure and edification? Over the course of the semester, we will trace the various ways early- to late-20th century black writers sometimes borrowed from earlier literary traditions and, at other times, developed new ones. In addition, we will hone in on the major debates and central texts that have come to define African American Literature and explore how it has long served as a creative, political, and intellectual enterprise.
Instructor(s): S. Mott
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences.

AS.362.110. Colonial Encounters: Artistic Responses. 3.0 Credits.
This course disrupts conventional ways of seeing, reading, and examining artistic texts. When we read a novel or study a work of art, especially that produced by white people, we tend to treat it as representative of the nation, talk about its aesthetic genius, or discuss it as reflecting its social/historical moment. Black artistic production, on the other hand, is most often treated as "protest," as that which simply responds to a national narrative. But what would happen if we treated the experience of black people and other people of color as universal? What would happen if we treated colonialism as the dominant social and intellectual problem of our age?
Instructor(s): S. Mott
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences.

AS.362.111. Introduction to African American Studies. 3.0 Credits.
This is an introductory course on the African-American experience. People of African descent were brought by force to the United States (and other parts of the "New World") yet still managed to forge a rich, resilient, and collective existence. Despite the cruelty of the institution of slavery, African Americans carved out their own cultural systems and a complex body of political and social ideas about the significance of their African roots, as well as the contradictory practices of American democracy and the oppression of black people. This course surveys and analyzes a wide spectrum of contributions made by intellectuals, political leaders, organizations, and race-based strategies that interdependently led to African Americans securing a central and unyielding place in American society.
Instructor(s): K. McDonald
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences.

AS.362.112. Introduction to Africana Studies. 3.0 Credits.
Introduction to the core concepts, theories, cultural and intellectual production across the black diaspora. Antiracist, queer, and insurgent black thought welcome here.
Instructor(s): J. Johnson
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences.

AS.362.115. History of Africa (since 1880). 3.0 Credits.
Introduction to the core concepts, theories, cultural and intellectual production across the black diaspora. Antiracist, queer, and insurgent black thought welcome here.
Instructor(s): J. Johnson
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences.

Prerequisites: Students are not allowed to take both 100.122 and 362.122.

Instructor(s): K. Gallon
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.
AS.362.123. Introduction to African American Literature (Part 1). 3.0 Credits.
In "Introduction to African American Literature," we will examine some of the major debates and central texts of African American literature from the 18th century to the turn of the 20th century. We will focus on the relationship between race and representation and the growing complexities around those representations. In addition to addressing questions of race, we will also consider how gender, sexuality, and class intersected with racial identity and representation in the creation, production, and selling of African American literature. This course is designed to give you a broad sweep of the African American literary landscape, turning our attention to poetry, novels, short stories, plays, and essays. In addition, this course will provide you with the opportunity to explore the diverse nature of black literature and encourage the reading of African American literature with a fine critical understanding and aesthetic appreciation.
Instructor(s): S. Mott
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

"Africa rising" has become an influential, albeit contested, narrative used by institutions like the International Monetary Fund and World Economic Forum to describe the rapid economic growth in 21st century Africa. This rapid 'economic growth has been accompanied by another type of 'Africa Rising' — a mushrooming of social protest and popular uprisings across the continent. The course will introduce important theoretical perspectives, debates, and examples to equip students to critically examine contemporary social dynamics through the interconnected themes of land, labor and environmental rights and struggles that have gripped the African continent. What has given rise to these awakenings? Who are the actors involved in these actions? What are their demands and strategies? What lessons does it hold for social movement theory and development more broadly? The first section focuses on land reclamation movements, the new wave of 'land grabs' and responses from below. The second section presents the role of labour movements and its intersection with popular uprisings. The third section considers responses from communities and movements to the ecological destruction and climate change.
Instructor(s): R. Jacobs
Area: Humanities.

AS.362.175. Freshman Seminar: Remembering the Black Power Movement. 3.0 Credits.
This course explores trends, developments, contradictions, and dilemmas related to the Black Power Movement. The objective of studying this historical movement is not to engage in nostalgia, but to think through and learn the lessons of this historic social movement. An active participant in the Black Power Movement as a university undergraduate and graduate student, I do not approach this subject merely as a set of interesting intellectual issues and dynamics that can be explored with complete dispassion and objectivity. Rather, I seek to examine critically some of the contradictions and dilemmas that I, too, was caught up in, seeking to come to grips with and clarify my own participation and activities. We study these historical events with the expectation of making a positive contribution to the future.
Instructor(s): F. Hayes
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.362.180. History of Black Americans. 3.0 Credits.
This survey course addresses the making and historical experiences of African Americans from the emancipation of slaves in the later nineteenth century to the conclusion of the twentieth century.
Instructor(s): J. Ashton
Writing Intensive.

AS.362.200. Race and Power in American Cinema. 3.0 Credits.
This course will examine changing norms of racial representation in American cinema and consider those images in relation to the operations of the film industry and to specific moments in U.S. history that informed cinematic representations of race. In particular, we will be analyzing film as a social practice that creates meanings that inform both everyday practices and deliberations over many of the most important issues and debates in American society. Ultimately, the goal is to gain a better appreciation for how the stories films tell us shape our personal and collective identities and inform our understanding of political life.
Instructor(s): A. Culver
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences.

AS.362.201. African American Poetry and Poetics. 3.0 Credits.
In this course, we will follow the development of black poetry primarily as it has evolved in the United States. Beginning with the first published African American writers of the eighteenth century and ending with several important poets writing and performing today, we will consider the shape of the African American poetic tradition as commonly anthologized and as defined by our own theoretically-informed readings of the assigned literature. Attention will be given to both canonical and neglected literary movements and groups. Readings will include poetry and essays by Frances E.W. Harper, James Weldon Johnson, Langston Hughes, Gwendolyn Brooks, Amiri Baraka, Harryette Mullen, Tracie Morris, and others.
Instructor(s): N. Nurhussein.

AS.362.202. Colonial Encounters and Literary Responses. 3.0 Credits.
This course considers how black writers of the diaspora engaged the history and realities of colonialism and imperialism. While some novelists wrote specifically about the colonial encounter and its consequences, others chose to critique the enterprise by rewriting — from the perspective of the colonized — the literary tradition of the colonizing nation. Focusing on works by African, Caribbean, and American writers alongside the British tradition to which they respond, we will look at how diasporic writers thought about and constructed ideas about the world, the self, and the racial Other.
Instructor(s): S. Mott
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences.

AS.362.203. Passing in American Culture. 3.0 Credits.
This course will examine film and literary narratives of "passing" in 20th century America. We will study texts that feature people who cross social boundaries of race, class, sexuality, and gender, and consider what "passing" reveals about American social mobility.
Instructor(s): S. Mott
Area: Humanities
Writing Intensive.
AS.362.207. Race and public policy in comparative perspective. 3.0 Credits.
This course will explore the relationship between racial inequality, racial politics, and policy-making in the western world, particularly as it concerns the fight for equality by people of African descent in the US, Canada, Britain, and France. It will cover historical and contemporary struggles over policy, beginning with the African-American civil rights movement, the ensuing War on Poverty and War on Drugs, and followed by contemporary debates over immigration, racial segregation, poverty and racial economic inequality across the four countries. We will take insights from theory and empirical research to study the role that racial constructs and politics play in policy designs, contests over power and resources, electoral representation, public opinion, social movements, and political change. Through case studies of policies aimed at racial inequality (e.g., affirmative action, police reform, urban revitalization), we will examine why and under what circumstances they arise, what form they take, and in what ways they alleviate or reproduce racial inequality. These questions will be considered in light of the broader impact of neoliberalism on normative ideas about policy, race, and inequality.
Instructor(s): A. Livingstone
Area: Humanities.

AS.362.219. Freshman Seminar: Black Narratives and the Archive. 3.0 Credits.
This course will explore the various ways black people have narrated stories. From the slave narrative to fiction, biography to oral history, we will consider the relationship between historical events and the stories that people tell about those events. Where does history and imagination meet in the telling? How does one weave together story material to give it shape? While we will spend the first half of the semester engaging published and more popular narratives about black life, the second half of the course will focus on interviewing and archiving the stories of black workers and staff at JHU. What kinds of stories do they tell? How do they tell them? What do their stories help us understand about the past? Ultimately, this course will concern itself with what it means to be black and the various ways everyday people and artists alike have attempted to narrate their experiences in both writing and oral forms.
Instructor(s): S. Mott
Area: Humanities.

AS.362.220. America, Post-Civil Rights. 3.0 Credits.
This course will explore the role of the 1964 Civil Rights Act and mid-twentieth century reform movements in transforming American politics, economy, and culture since the late 1960s.
Instructor(s): N. Connolly
Area: Humanities
Writing Intensive.

AS.362.221. African American Poetry and Poetics. 3.0 Credits.
This seminar explores the literary and political influences of poetry written and published by African Americans from the 18th century to the present (from Phyllis Wheatley to Terrance Hayes).
Instructor(s): H. Robbins
Area: Humanities
Writing Intensive.

AS.362.241. Seeing the Unspeakable: Baltimore, #BLM, and Kara Walker. 3.0 Credits.
The advents of smartphone technology, social media platforms, and the 24-hour cable news cycle have made violent images of Black death and dying ubiquitous. The public consumes these images unremarkingly and social movements have used these images to highlight the vulnerable character of Black life globally. However, questions remain as to whether these images work as tools of populist politicization or as sources of entertainment for viewers unsympathetic to the various politics expressed by the Black Lives Matter movement. This course seeks to explore this uncomfortable reality through the artistic renderings of Kara Walker, an acclaimed mixed media artist whose provocative explorations of race, sexuality, and violence offer one lens by which explore this political phenomenon. Additionally, students will spend the semester creating multimedia archival projects that explore these images and their political impact on Baltimore. In doing so, students will explore the politics bound within, pressed upon, and interpreted from the Black body.
Instructor(s): B. Carter
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences.

AS.362.304. Reading and Writing Black Poetry. 3.0 Credits.
This course is an exploration of twentieth and twenty-first century black poetry and poetics. Readings include Paul Laurence Dunbar, Langston Hughes, Gwendolyn Brooks, Amiri Baraka, Sonia Sanchez, Nikki Giovanni, Lucille Clifton, Rita Dove, Natasha Trethewey, Terrance Hayes, Claudia Rankine, and Danez Smith. Texts will be mined for theme as well as formal technique as a basis for poetic experimentation.
Instructor(s): A. Gunn
Area: Humanities
Writing Intensive.

AS.362.305. Black Periodical Studies. 3.0 Credits.
This course explores the ways in which nineteenth- and twentieth-century black periodical culture fostered (and, at times, hampered) the literary and cultural production of the African diaspora. Authors will likely include Frederick Douglass, “Ethiop (William J. Wilson),” Frances E.W. Harper, Pauline Hopkins, W.E.B. Du Bois, Marcus Garvey, Jean Toomer, Langston Hughes, Richard Bruce Nugent, and others.
Instructor(s): N. Nurhussein
Area: Humanities
Writing Intensive.

AS.362.314. Police and Prisons in Comparative Perspective. 3.0 Credits.
This course will examine policing and prisons in the United States and beyond, with a focus on racial inequality. It will consist of two parts. First, we will explore the contemporary state of prisons and policing in the United States and look at debates around the rise of “mass incarceration” and aggressive forms of policing in the final third of the 20th century. Second, we will explore policing and prison in other parts of the globe in the contemporary moment, highlighting similarities and differences from the U.S. case. What can studying the instruments of social control in other societies reveal about our own? Students will develop an understanding of major trends, keywords, and debates in the literature on policing and prisons, with particular reference to race and racism.
Instructor(s): S. Schrader
Area: Humanities.
AS.362.325. The Role of "Place" in Racial Ethnic Health Disparities. 3.0 Credits.
This course will introduce students to racial/ethnic health disparities, the need to examine the role of "place", give different definitions of "place", how the characteristics of where people live affects individual's health, and how this leads to racial/ethnic health disparities. The course will first examine large-scale measures of place, then down to smaller scale measures. Students will discuss various theories generally associated with racial/ethnic health disparities, as well as, the extension of "place" theories to this topic. Students will apply this knowledge through various assignments and activities about racial/ethnic health disparities of interest. These activities include class discussions, group assignments and development of interventions and solution-focused policy recommendations. This course is being offered for sophomores, juniors and seniors who have completed a statistic course or who have received permission from the instuctor. Prerequisites: Students may receive credit for AS.280.411 or AS.362.325, but not both.
Instructor(s): C. Bell
Area: Humanities.

AS.362.332. #Digital Blackness. 3.0 Credits.
#BlackLivesMatter, #SayHerName, #Can'tBreathe #IfIDieInPoliceCustody #BlackOutDay are just some of the many hashtags that black people have recently created and used on Twitter to protest police brutality and proclaim their full humanity. Over the past two decades Black people have utilized a variety of digital spaces and media to reconfigure the terms and terrain of debates and discussions on what it means to be Black in the United States and larger world. This course is an interdisciplinary investigation into the relationship between historical and contemporary cultural, social and political expressions of Blackness and the digital. More specifically, lectures, readings and class discussions will deconstruct the cultural, political economy and social construction of Blackness in the digital in an effort to uncover the ways that meanings of race more broadly and Blackness more narrowly influences and shapes Black Americans’ present social status and struggles for social justice. This course is designed to provide a "hybrid" experience, including both face-to-face (F2F) and online class meetings.
Instructor(s): K. Gallon
Area: Humanities.

AS.362.340. Power and Racism. 3.0 Credits.
This course investigates the impact of white supremacy and anti-black racism, as a global system of power, on the political development of the United States of America.
Instructor(s): F. Hayes
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.362.344. Education Politics in Urban America. 3.0 Credits.
This seminar analyzes trends, developments, and future challenges related to the politics of urban public schooling with a concentration on community political dynamics and the struggle for equal educational opportunity and quality education. The course emphasizes the impact of socioeconomic class inequality, racial/ethnic conflict, and gender politics on the changing character of public school reform since the 1954 Supreme Court decision of Brown v. Board of Education. Cross-listed with Africana Studies.
Instructor(s): F. Hayes
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.362.371. Public Health Crisis in Africa. 3.0 Credits.
This course examines the historical and current public heath crises in Africa. Topics covered include infectious diseases and viral outbreaks, water and food access, sanitation, education, behavioral health, gender equality, health care and health care access, as well as the link between culture, economics and health. Introduction to Epidemiology is recommended but not required.
Instructor(s): M. Smart
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences.

AS.362.412. Black Political Thought. 3.0 Credits.
This course examines how modern black political thought emerged through a series of critical engagements with Enlightenment ideas about universalism, progress, the authority of reason, and the foundations of citizenship. Course readings include texts by W. E. B. Du Bois, Angela Davis, James Boggs, Frantz Fanon, bell hooks, and others.
Instructor(s): L. Spence
Writing Intensive.

AS.362.413. African American Representations in the Western. 3.0 Credits.
The course will investigate American cinematic representations of African Americans, slavery (and more specifically its absence), the Civil War, and racial formation along the United States’ southwestern frontier in films produced from the 1950s through the contemporary period. The course closely examines American cinematic fantasies of the western frontier, frontier violence and the desire to escape or erase the tensions of race and slavery that have deeply permeated the American cultural consciousness, strongly shaping the production of American masculine ideals. The course will also take decided note of the national shift from liberal “Great Society Programs” of the 1960s to the conservative “neoliberal” social and cultural ideals in the 1980s and 1990s. Our purpose is to consider the organization and reformation of hegemonic power by way of the complex morality play the western film evokes, typically considering the interstitial geographies between blackness and whiteness, civilization and savagery, belonging and alienation, and metropolis and colonial outpost. We will privilege in our discussions the contested frontiers of racial dominion. Films include “Buck and the Preacher,” “The Battle of Algiers,” “Sgt. Rutledge,” and “Django Unchained.”
Instructor(s): L. Jackson
Area: Humanities
Writing Intensive.

AS.362.440. Oppression and Revolt. 3.0 Credits.
This seminar examines the history, theory, and practice of oppression and rebellion in Africa, the Caribbean, and the United States of America. The seminar will focus on popular struggles for liberation against systems of slavery, colonialism, sexism, and racism.
Instructor(s): F. Hayes
Area: Humanities
Writing Intensive.
AS.362.450. Critical Thinking in Africana Studies. 3.0 Credits.
This seminar examines various ideas, theories, and practices of thinkers, writers, and activists whose work and practices have constituted an Africana Studies intellectual tradition. The purpose of this seminar is to teach students to read, think, and write critically about questions relative to the formation and history of Africana thought and its intellectual tradition, in particular, and the genealogy of thought and intellectual traditions, in general. We will also think about various fields of knowledge that have shaped Africana Studies. The seminar therefore will work through the different meanings of intellectual work and critical thought and theory in Africana Studies.
Instructor(s): F. Hayes
Writing Intensive.

AS.362.510. Senior Honors in Africana Studies I. 3.0 Credits.
The first semester of Senior Honors in Africana Studies, conducted as an Independent Study. Interested students should submit an application to the CAS Director of Undergraduate Studies.
Instructor(s): Staff
Writing Intensive.

AS.362.590. Independent Study for Africana Studies. 3.0 Credits.
Instructor(s): L. Spence
Writing Intensive.

AS.362.595. Summer Internship. 1.0 Credit.

Cross Listed Courses

History of Art
AS.010.305. Global Modern Art: Africa, Asia, the Pacific and the Americas. 3.0 Credits.
Artists around the world grappled with the modern, working through local concerns and struggles but continually engaged with counterparts in Europe, North America, and across the "global South." This course will introduce art, artists, movements, and institutions of modernism from approximately 1880 to the present and from outside of the northern Atlantic while critically examining the very notion of "global modernism."
Instructor(s): R. Brown
Area: Humanities
Writing Intensive.

English
AS.060.124. Politics, History and Autobiography. 3.0 Credits.
Students will write a mini-autobiography in the form of seven 3000 word essays, work shopped in class. Readings include A Small Place by Jamaica Kincaid and Brothers and Keepers by John Edgar Wideman.
Instructor(s): L. Jackson
Area: Humanities
Writing Intensive.

AS.060.223. African American Literature from 1900 to Present. 3.0 Credits.
A survey of the major and minor texts written by African Americans during the twentieth century, beginning with Charles Chesnutt's The Marrow of Tradition and concluding with Toni Morrison's Beloved.
Instructor(s): L. Jackson
Area: Humanities.

AS.060.335. Black Satire. 3.0 Credits.
In this course, we will explore the use of satire in black literary and artistic traditions. Reading will likely include poems and novels by Paul Laurence Dunbar, George S. Schuyler, Claude McKay, William Melvin Kelly, Ishmael Reed, Fran Ross, Percival Everett, and others. In addition, we will venture into the genres of film ("Get Out") and visual art (work by Glenn Ligon and Kara Walker, the latter currently on exhibit at the BMA). The politics of satire emerge in these texts particularly through the treatment of racial uplift and respectability ideologies, race relations, the legacies and histories of slavery, visions of utopia and dystopia, and the concept of the "post-racial." With attention to the historical and cultural conditions under which these works were produced, we will address the ways in which satire can (or cannot) effect change in the world.
Instructor(s): N. Nurhussein
Area: Humanities
Writing Intensive.

AS.060.340. The Literature of Atlantic Slavery. 3.0 Credits.
This seminar will trace the historical development of the slavery debate in the Atlantic world through examination of key texts from a host of genres and locations—Quaker religious tracts, political documents like the Haitian Declaration of Independence, Cuban antislavery novels, slave narratives, and “classics” of American literature like Melville's Benito Cereno. We will consider how the institution of Atlantic slavery was variously represented, justified, and criticized, discovering in the process the deep structures of modern slavery discourse. Texts may include: Aphra Behn, "Oroonoko", John Woolman's "Journal"; Robert Wedderburn, "The Horrors of Slavery and Other Writings"; Gertrudis Gomez de Avellaneda, "Sab"; Frederick Douglass, "My Bondage and My Freedom"; Herman Melville, "Benito Cereno"; Harriet Beecher Stowe, "Dred"; Antonio Castro Alves, "The Slaves".
Instructor(s): J. Hickman
Area: Humanities
Writing Intensive.
AS.060.349. Clint Eastwood, Race, and the American Western. 3.0 Credits.
Drawing from the body of work reflecting the Hollywood gunfighter and outlaw folk-hero Clint Eastwood, the course will investigate American cinematic representations of slavery (and more specifically its absence), the Civil War and racial formation along the United States' southwestern frontier in films produced from the 1950s through the contemporary period. A focus on the cultural icon Clint Eastwood enables a close examination of American cinematic fantasies of the frontier, frontier violence and the desire to escape or erase the tensions of race and slavery that have deeply permeated the American cultural consciousness, particularly the creation of American masculine ideals. The course will also take decided note of the national shift from liberal “Great Society Programs” of the 1960s to the conservative “neoliberal” social and cultural ideals in the 1980s and 1990s. Our purpose is to consider the organization and reformation of hegemonic power by way of the complex morality play the western film evokes, typically considering the interstitial geographies between civilization and savagery, belonging and alienation, and metropolitan and colonial outpost. We will privilege in our discussions the contested frontiers of racial dominion. The curriculum is complicated by several significant points of departure from the traditional category of the Hollywood-based American western: a film to frame the question of colonialism and resistance, as well as examples of black cinematic efforts re-drawing boundaries of the racial frontier. (Are they formed at the Caribbean, the easternmost littoral? The postindustrial city? Do they correspond to the romance of organized crime and its fantasy of empire?)
Instructor(s): L. Jackson
Area: Humanities
Writing Intensive.

AS.060.353. World Literature in Theory and Practice. 3.0 Credits.
This course takes stock of how the current hot topic of “world literature” has evolved from Immanuel Wallerstein’s work on world-systems theory over the course of the last three decades. We will read work by a wide range of literary critics engaged with the topic of world literature, including Franco Moretti, Pascale Casanova, David Damrosch, Emily Apter, and Alex Beecroft, as well as major “world” novels by Herman Melville, Amitav Ghosh, and Chimamanda Adichie. Students will also be introduced to critical approaches that offer a conceptual alternative to the world literature framework, for example, Edward Said’s ideas on worldliness and contrapuntalism, Gaston Bachelard’s phenomenology of the home, Fredric Jameson’s concept of cognitive mapping, and Eric Hayot’s work on literary “world-creation.” We will ask just how broadly the field can be defined before it loses its critical cohesion. In other words, does world literature exist?
Instructor(s): J. Jackson
Area: Humanities
Writing Intensive.

AS.060.356. Gordimer and Coetzee: Politics and Form. 3.0 Credits.
A comparative study of major works by the South African Nobel Laureates Nadine Gordimer and J.M. Coetzee. Special attention to critical essays by both writers about each other, as well as about issues of shared historical and literary concern. Topics will include the role of the public intellectual in apartheid-era South Africa, competing scales of literary reception and evaluation (e.g. national, international, and universal), and the relationship between politics, form, and genre.
Instructor(s): J. Jackson
Area: Humanities
Writing Intensive.

AS.060.366. Ellison. 3.0 Credits.
After his landmark novel “Invisible Man” appeared in 1952 and won the National Book Award, Ralph Ellison was one of the most highly regarded and influential American writers. Although his writing—beginning with the powerful short stories and criticism that he published in the 1930s and 40s—was steeped in African American history, literature, music, and folklore, he also thought of himself as part of the great tradition of American, European, and classical literature, from Homer through Joyce. He quickly set to work on a second novel dealing with the assassination of a racist senator during the height of the Civil Rights movement, but he came to the end of his life in 1994 without having completed the novel to his own satisfaction. This massive book, which appeared posthumously in a very abbreviated form as Juneteenth and more recently in the much longer Three Days before the Shooting, reveals the work of a master while at the same time it leaves critics and readers with an exceptional puzzle: What would his final intention have been? Why was he unable to complete the novel? How does it speak to the key issues of African American identity, freedom, and the American ideal that Ellison grappled with all his life? At the same time that he worked on his second novel, Ellison became one of the most prolific and important essayists of the twentieth century, and wrote brilliantly about American race relations from the era of segregation through the twentieth century. Even as he was celebrated by the literary establishment, however, Ellison at times found himself as odds with younger black writers and thinkers who felt that public activism, not just artistic greatness, was required of the African American writer. Using Ellison as a lens through which to see the course of American race relations from slavery to the present, the course will include study of all of Ellison’s major work: the short stories collected in “Flying Home”, “Invisible Man”, the essays collected in “Shadow and Act” and “Going to the Territory”, as well as others; and “Three Days before the Shooting”.
Instructor(s): E. Sundquist
Area: Humanities
Writing Intensive.

AS.060.378. Advanced Introduction to African Literature. 3.0 Credits.
This course reaches beyond the much-taught postcolonial African realist canon to explore less-studied, more formally challenging works from across the continent, focusing on long-form prose and poetry. While texts will be clearly placed in an historical context, the emphasis in our readings will be on the invention, evolution, and intermingling of literary genres. How do seminal moments in African literary history complicate our received understandings of periodicity, mimesis, and the relation among selfhood, collectivity, and narration? What possibilities exist for theorizing African literature as a corpus, and what, conversely, are the descriptive and institutional limitations of “African Literature”? Primary texts will include “Ethiopia Unbound” (J.E. Casely Hayford); “Chaka” (Thomas Mofolo); “The Wrath of the Ancestors” (A.C. Jordan); “Song of Lawino” (Okot p’Bitek); and “The Promised Land” (Grace Ogot), as well as poetry by Shaaban bin Robert and H.I.E. Dhlomo, among others. We'll pay some attention, too, to critical trends and contextualization.
Instructor(s): J. Jackson
Area: Humanities
Writing Intensive.
AS.060.387. Black Empire. 3.0 Credits.
This course examines the transnational visions of Black Empire as articulated and framed by black thinkers, writers, and visual artists around the world, roughly between 1850 and 1950. We will consider how both individuals and groups (such as the United Negro Improvement Association) responded to imperialist maneuvers through discourses of Ethiopianism, Pan-Africanism, and anti-colonialism, and how these discourses interacted with one another in surprising ways, ways that reveal the black world's simultaneous attraction to and rejection of the imperial model in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Our reading will include novels, poems, essays, and critical texts—at least two of which share a title with this course—by W. E. B. Du Bois, Pauline E. Hopkins, Sutton E. Griggs, J. A. Rogers, Langston Hughes, George S. Schuyler, Claude McKay, Brent Hayes Edwards, Paul Gilroy, Wilson Jeremiah Moses, Michelle Ann Stephens, and others.
Instructor(s): N. Nurhussein
Area: Humanities
Writing Intensive.

AS.060.617. Black Print Culture.
Students interested in black print culture will engage in intensive archival research, both collaborative and individual, using the Sheridan Library's Rare Book and Manuscript collections. Texts include poems, printed lectures, pamphlets, novels, periodicals, ephemera, correspondence, etc., alongside relevant critical and theoretical reading.
Instructor(s): N. Nurhussein
Area: Humanities
Writing Intensive.

Film and Media Studies
AS.061.328. Gangster Films. 3.0 Credits.
The bad guy as hero from Little Caesar to Goodfellas. Film screenings Th 7:30-10:00 PM, Sun 7:00-9:30 PM. Lab fee: $40.
Instructor(s): L. Bucknell
Area: Humanities.

AS.061.369. The 1930s in Jazz, Film, and Poetry. 3.0 Credits.
The 1930s in Jazz, Film, and Poetry will focus on three art forms, jazz, film, and poetry, both separately and in conversation with each other during a decade of political, economic, technological, and cultural upheaval. A decade after the invention of amplifiers and public address systems, advances in sound recording and synchronized sound revolutionized film and recording arts. Jazz musicians, filmmakers, and poets collaborated on innovative and radical projects, often funded by the New Deal Federal Writers Project. Team-taught by faculty in Film and Media Studies, the Department of Jazz (Peabody), and the Center for Africana Studies, this course will bring together students from Peabody and the Krieger School of Arts & Sciences to engage with issues of art, culture, and politics during a turbulent decade.
Prerequisites: AS.061.140 OR AS.061.141
Instructor(s): H. Robbins
Area: Humanities.

Anthropology
AS.070.109. Introduction to Environmental Anthropology. 3.0 Credits.
What is an “environment,” socially speaking? How have pipelines, animals, conservation, and capitalism shaped the way we talk about “nature” and “society” in the present day? This course examines the mutual transformation of humans and their environments through ethnography, environmental history, cultural and political ecology, human geography, and social theory.
Instructor(s): T. Ozden-schilling
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences.

AS.070.202. Economic Anthropology. 3.0 Credits.
How do the abstract principles of economics play out in a diversity of times and places? This course surveys anthropological research on the social organization of labor, the political institutions that underlie wealth and property, and the cultural meanings of money and commodities. Through these topics, we will look at enduring debates about the rationality of markets and the nature of capitalism.
Instructor(s): M. Degani
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.070.222. Africa in the 21st Century. 3.0 Credits.
Rapid urbanization has created new needs, occupations, entertainments, etc., outside the “formal sector”. We use anthropological studies, African literature, film and the press on-line to understand making a living.
Instructor(s): J. Guyer
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.070.233. Africa as Laboratory. 3.0 Credits.
Africa, as anthropologists have noted, has long been a “laboratory of the future.” By tracing the intersections of technology and politics, this class considers the various experiments in oppression and liberation that have unfolded within it. Following a broad historical arc, we begin with colonial medicine, racial science, and urban planning; move to national infrastructures and postcolonial resource extractions; and finally consider contemporary African engagements with consumer technology.
Instructor(s): M. Degani
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.070.241. African Cities. 3.0 Credits.
Over the past two decades, African cities have absorbed rapid population increase without accompanying economic growth. Students will review the major challenges of this mode of urbanization and explore the vibrant ways residents have sought to meet them. Following anthropology's commitment to lived experience, we will track these issues through the twists and turns of everyday life, and consider what they may say about urbanity more broadly in the 21st century. Topics include livelihood, the built environment, conflict and membership, and popular culture.
Instructor(s): M. Degani
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.070.294. Political Anthropology of Africa. 3.0 Credits.
The course will explore classical and contemporary ethnographies of the political in Africa, examining how their authors address issues of power, hierarchy and symbol. We will study various articulations of state, ethnicity and community that are analyzed by observing relations between power and resistance or between law, economy and violence through war, custom and ritual. The seminar will also address the way in which Africa has been constituted as a key source of the sub-field of political anthropology through colonial trajectories, postcolonial detours and the political imagination of the past and the future.
Instructor(s): J. Obarrio
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences.
AS.070.302. Crisis and Futurity: New Ethnographies of Africa. 3.0 Credits.
"Africa Rising" or "The Hopeless Continent?" Within the span of a decade, The Economist magazine famously declared each to be true. In this class we turn to the genre of ethnography, with its focus on lived experience and critical nuance, to make sense of this seeming contradiction. We explore the themes of crisis and futurity through new works by Mbembe, De Boeck, Obarrío, and others.
Instructor(s): M. Degani
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.070.318. The Atlantic World. 3.0 Credits.
This seminar explores the formation of the South Atlantic through a reading of historical and ethnographic texts. We examine the making of history and culture as contentious fields of struggle.
Instructor(s): A. Angelini
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

This seminar will address contemporary questions of state and citizenship in the light of colonial and imperial dynamics at the beginning of the twenty-first century: transnational and national sovereignty, in relation to local configurations of law, capital and political violence; processes of subsumption, extraction and financialization. Authors include Negri, Arrighi, Harvey, Chakrabarty, Mbembe, Mamdani, Chatterjee, Coronil, Dussel.
Instructor(s): J. Obarrío
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences.

History

AS.100.108. Making America: Black Freedom Struggles to 1896. 3.0 Credits.
From slave revolts on the West African coast to national conventions and civil war, people of African descent have defined freedom and struggle in terms of kinship, diasporic connection, and fighting antiblack violence. This course explores the arc of that history and its role in the making of America.
Instructor(s): J. Johnson
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences.

AS.100.109. Making America: Slavery, Violence, and the Coming of the Civil War. 3.0 Credits.
An examination of violence - primarily racial and political - in the decades between the American Revolution and Civil War (1789 to 1861).
Instructor(s): R. Walters
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.100.205. Freshman Seminar: Health, Healing, and Medicine in Africa. 3.0 Credits.
A freshman seminar introducing students to the history of health, healing, and forms of medical practice in Africa over the last two centuries.
Instructor(s): P. Larson
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.100.206. Freshman Seminar: Law, Society, and Power in America, 1500-1877. 3.0 Credits.
This course examines the relationship between law, governance, and social structures in America between the start of European settlement and the era of the Civil War. Topics will include Native American and European land claims, the regulation of family life, economic and commercial disputes, and the legal regimes of race and slavery. Throughout, we will consider both the aims of governing officials and how ordinary men and women maneuvered within the legal system. Freshman only.
Instructor(s): S. Damiano
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.100.211. Freshman Seminar: American Slavery. 3.0 Credits.
This seminar explores the history of American slavery, tracing developments over time and across space, probing the impact of this iniquitous and dynamic institution on societies and individuals, and examining a variety of sources that historians use to construct their narratives. Freshman only.
Instructor(s): P. Morgan
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.100.202. Conflict and Co-Existence: The Early Modern Mediterranean. 3.0 Credits.
This course explores the dynamic and fluid world of the early modern Mediterranean (1453-1650), where Christians, Jews, and Muslims met, fought, traded with, and enslaved each other.
Instructor(s): E. Rowe
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.100.203. Freshman Seminar: From Columbus to Calypso: The Caribbean and the Wider World. 3.0 Credits.
This course examines the history of the Caribbean and how five hundred years of colonization, slavery, piracy, rebellion, and revolution have shaped the politics and culture of the islands today.
Instructor(s): L. MacDonald
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.100.208. From Columbus to Calypso: The Caribbean and the Wider World. 3.0 Credits.
This course examines the history of the Caribbean and how five hundred years of colonization, slavery, piracy, rebellion, and revolution have shaped the politics and culture of the islands today.
Instructor(s): L. MacDonald
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.
AS.100.255. The Haitian Revolution in World History. 3.0 Credits.
This introductory seminar examines the revolution that transformed the slave colony of Saint-Domingue into the first black republic and second independent nation in the Americas, and its repercussions around the world. Non-Majors welcome.
Instructor(s): N. Marvin
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.100.282. Race & Power in Modern South Africa. 3.0 Credits.
South African history from 1800 to the present, with focus on the rise and fall of the apartheid racial state
Instructor(s): E. Thornberry
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.100.311. National Pastimes: Sports, Culture, and American History. 3.0 Credits.
National Pastimes examines the development of sports in the United States over the course of the 20th century with a particular interest in the relationship between sports and politics as well as issues of race, gender, sexuality and class.
Instructor(s): A. Davis
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences.

AS.100.316. American Foreign Policy in the Age of Human Rights. 3.0 Credits.
American Foreign Policy in the Age of Human Rights examines competing narratives about the origins of modern international human rights, and explores how those narratives historically informed American foreign policy from the American Revolution up to the present, with an emphasis on the twentieth century.
Instructor(s): K. Sohasky
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.100.320. Writing U.S. Empire. 3.0 Credits.
Attends to the composition and interpretive problems raised by studying the history of American imperialism, 1880s-1930s.
Instructor(s): N. Connolly
Writing Intensive.

AS.100.321. From Ferguson to Cape Town: The Global Black Freedom Struggle since Slavery. 3.0 Credits.
This seminar underscores the global and historical dimensions of the black freedom struggle through a series of case studies spanning North America, Africa and Latin America. Major themes addresses include race, diaspora, and movement(s) from slavery to the present.
Instructor(s): J. Levy
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.100.323. America in the 1960s. 3.0 Credits.
The years between 1959, when the course begins, and 1971, when it ends, were tumultuous and divisive. This course explores the political, racial, and cultural struggles of a half century ago.
Instructor(s): R. Walters
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.100.334. Billie Holiday and American Culture. 3.0 Credits.
A course examining introducing students to the life, times and music of Billie Holiday. We will read biographies, autobiographies, novels, and listen to music.
Instructor(s): L. Jackson
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.100.343. Diaspora, Nation, Race, and Politics. 3.0 Credits.
For millions of people across the globe, political fate in the 20th century was defined at the intersection of diaspora, race, and nation — and this may be true in the 21st century as well. This course, a collaborative effort involving a historian and a political scientist, explores the parallels and divergences in the deployment of these terms in nationalist and transnational mobilization, literature and aesthetics, and group identity formation in Eastern Europe, Africa and the New World of the Americas. Set against the backdrop of the fall of significant empires in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, we will explore themes of migration, human rights, the nation-state system, and racism through history, political sociology, and political and social theory. We will pay particular attention to the theoretically exemplary Jewish and Black experiences of diaspora, race, and nation, engaging both with how those experiences were specially shaped by the imposition of national and racial logics and with Black and Jewish politics and thought in relation to those categories. Readings include Max Weber, W. E. B. Du Bois, Booker T. Washington, Theodor Herzl, Hannah Arendt, Benedict Anderson, Rogers Brubaker, Andrew Zimmerman, Michele Mitchell, David Scott.
Instructor(s): K. Moss; M. Hanchard
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.100.356. W.E.B. Du Bois and the Problem of the Color-Line. 3.0 Credits.
This seminar will introduce students to the ideas and legacy of the renowned American scholar, journalist, and activist, W.E.B. Du Bois (1868-1963), asking students to locate Du Bois in his historical context and in our own. Through readings and discussions of his key works in various forms, we will assess Du Bois’s impact on major debates in American politics, African-American affairs, and academic disciplines like sociology and history. We will track changes in Du Bois’s thinking over time, including in his views of racism, class, gender, liberalism, radicalism, imperialism, and war. Finally, we will consider the ways in which Du Bois’s work continues to shape our understanding of these issues and debates in contemporary American society.
Instructor(s): A. Brann
Area: Humanities.
AS.100.358. Black Code Studies: Black History and Digital Media. 3.0 Credits.
This course explores doing histories of people of African descent in an age of digital and social media. The focus will be on African-descended communities in the United States, but content will range across time space. Examples include: West African digital art communities; the use of slave trade databases to write Caribbean history; and the use of social media in social justice organizing from Paris to Baltimore. Students will explore questions of blackness, race, ethnicity, sex and sexuality, violence and justice while creating digital content using platforms like Wordpress, Omeka, Twitter, and Tumblr. Students will be evaluated on their acquisition of African American and Afro-Diasporic history; their knowledge of digital and social media platforms; and their ability to creatively and accurately relate the histories of blackness and black people to their representation and discussion online.
Instructor(s): J. Johnson
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences.

AS.100.382. Early Modern African Atlantic. 3.0 Credits.
This course examines the history of West and Central Africa and its diasporic people and cultures during the early modern period (c. 1400-1750) in disparate parts of the Atlantic world, including Europe, Latin America, the Caribbean, and Anglo-America. Themes include: West and Central African political and religious cultures; trans-Atlantic slavery; African Christianity; and the question of cultural survivals.
Instructor(s): E. Rowe
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences.

AS.100.385. Mobility and Encounter in the Medieval Indian Ocean. 3.0 Credits.
This seminar discusses forms of mobility and exchange- trade and travel, conquest and religious transformation, diasporas and migration, the spread of practices and technologies- across the Indian Ocean from the 8th to 16th centuries.
Instructor(s): T. El-leithy
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.100.399. Decolonization and Citizenship in Africa, 1945-2015. 3.0 Credits.
Critically explores issues of decolonization and citizenship in Africa from WWII to the present. Emphasis on political inclusion and exclusion, and violence, fostered by nationalist movements and postcolonial African governments.
Instructor(s): P. Larson
Area: Humanities
Writing Intensive.

AS.100.403. Law & Custom in Colonial Africa. 3.0 Credits.
Examines how colonial rule transformed African legal systems, while Africans used European law for political resistance and personal gain. Research project based on colonial South African court records.
Instructor(s): E. Thornberry
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences.

AS.100.411. Readings in the History of Public Health in the 20th and 21st Centuries. 3.0 Credits.
The students will read major and some minor works in the history of global public health and will each develop their own concept of how and why the major institutions, professions, and practices associated with public health have evolved over the past long century. To help the students focus on their ideas, they will write three essays on particular aspects of the history.
Instructor(s): L. Galambos
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.100.445. African Fiction as History. 3.0 Credits.
An exploration of Modern African history through the African historical novel.
Instructor(s): P. Larson
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.100.486. Jim Crow in America. 3.0 Credits.
Explores the history of legalized racial segregation in the United States from the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.
Instructor(s): N. Connolly
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

Near Eastern Studies
AS.130.126. Gods and Monsters in Ancient Egypt. 3.0 Credits.
To provide a basic introduction to Egyptian Religion, with a special focus on the nature of the gods and how humans interact with them. We will devote particular time to the Book of the Dead and to the “magical” aspects of religion designed for protective purposes.
Instructor(s): R. Jasnow
Area: Humanities.

AS.130.203. Archaeology of Africa: From Human Origins to the Emergence of Civilizations. 3.0 Credits.
This course examines Africa’s ancient past from the emergence of biologically modern humans, ancient hunter-gatherers, the earliest animal herding and farming populations, to cities and civilizations. While Egypt plays an undeniably central role in world history, this course concentrates in particular on ancient geographies other than Egypt.
Instructor(s): M. Harrower
Area: Humanities.

AS.130.400. Introduction To Middle Egyptian. 3.0 Credits.
Introduction to the grammar and writing system of the classical language of the Egyptian Middle Kingdom (ca. 2055-1650 B.C.). In the second semester, literary texts and royal inscriptions will be read. Course meets with AS.133.600.
Instructor(s): R. Jasnow
Area: Humanities.

AS.131.613. Archaeology of Africa: From Human Origins to the Emergence of Civilizations.
This course examines Africa’s ancient past from the emergence of biologically modern humans, ancient hunter-gatherers, the earliest animal herding and farming populations, to cities and civilizations. While Egypt plays an undeniably central role in world history, this course concentrates in particular on ancient geographies other than Egypt.
Instructor(s): M. Harrower
Area: Humanities.
AS.133.611. Middle Egyptian Texts.
In this course we read a variety of Middle Egyptian hieroglyphic compositions and documents. Knowledge of Middle Egyptian Required. Instructor(s): B. Bryan; R. Jasnow
Area: Humanities.

History of Science Technology
AS.140.163. Jungle Doctors: Medical Missions in Africa from David Livingstone to Paul Farmer. 3.0 Credits.
Freshman seminar using a variety of primary and secondary sources, students will explore the motivations and activities of expatriates practicing medicine in Africa from the 19th century to the present. Instructor(s): J. Cummiskey
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.140.328. Science and Technology in Slave Regimes. 3.0 Credits.
What does science and technology look like in slave regimes? This seminar explores this question from a trans-national perspective by comparing cases in the Antebellum US, Cuba, Brazil and other countries. Instructor(s): M. Portuondo; R. Kargon
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.140.379. Health and the City: Urban Public Health In Historical Perspective. 3.0 Credits.
This course examines the history of cities as spaces of public health concern since the nineteenth century, and seeks to understand how social, political, and economic contexts have shaped urban public health interventions. Instructor(s): E. Anders
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

Philosophy
AS.150.404. The Idea of Power. 3.0 Credits.
The Idea of Power surveys seminal texts in the history of political thought on the nature, promise, and dangers of political and social power; it also critically engages contemporary texts on race and gender power relations. Instructor(s): C. Lebron
Area: Humanities.

AS.150.440. The Making of Black Lives Matter. 3.0 Credits.
This course explores the history of black thought that informs the ethics of the contemporary movement for black lives. Instructor(s): C. Lebron
Area: Humanities
Writing Intensive.

Economics
AS.180.252. Economics of Discrimination. 3.0 Credits.
This course examines labor market discrimination by gender, race and ethnicity in the United States. What does the empirical evidence show, and how can we explain it? How much of the difference in observed outcomes is driven by differences in productivity characteristics and how much is due to discrimination? How have economists theorized about discrimination and what methodologies can be employed to test those theories? What has been the impact of public policy in this area; how do large corporations and educational institutions respond; and what can we learn from landmark lawsuits? The course will reinforce skills relevant to all fields of applied economics, including critical evaluation of the theoretical and empirical literature, the reasoned application of statistical techniques, and analysis of current policy issues. Seniors by Permission Only.
Prerequisites: AS.180.102
Instructor(s): B. Morgan
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.180.355. Economics of Poverty/Inequality. 3.0 Credits.
This course focuses on the economics of poverty and inequality. It covers the measurement of poverty and inequality, facts and trends over time, the causes of poverty and inequality with a focus on those related to earnings and the labor market, and public policy toward poverty and inequality, covering both taxation and government expenditure and programs. By the nature of the material, the course is fairly statistical and quantitative. Students should have an intermediate understanding of microeconomic concepts. Basic knowledge of regression analysis is also helpful.
Prerequisites: AS.180.301
Instructor(s): R. Moffitt
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences.

Political Science
AS.190.284. Classics of Political Theory: Political Freedom. 3.0 Credits.
This course investigates core questions of what constitutes political freedom, what limits on freedom (if any) should be imposed by authority, and the relationship between freedom, responsibility and political judgment. Spanning texts ancient, modern and contemporary, we shall investigate how power inhabits and invigorates practices of freedom and consent. Among the questions we will consider: Can we always tell the difference between consent and coercion? Are morality and freedom incompatible? Is freedom from the past possible? By wrestling with slavery (freedom’s opposite) we will confront the terrifying possibility that slavery can be both embodied and psychic. If our minds can be held captive by power, can we ever be certain that we are truly free? The political stakes of these problems will be brought to light through a consideration of issues of religion, gender, sexuality, civil liberties, class and race.
Instructor(s): P. Brendese
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences.
AS.190.311. Disposable People: Race, Immigration and Biopolitics. 3.0 Credits.
This course will explore theories and practices of race and immigration in order to illuminate the proliferation of populations regarded as disposable in contemporary politics. We will pay special attention to the contestable criteria used to determine eligibility for membership in the human race. We shall also examine how political power influences the relays between citizenship status and those whose lives are worthy of protection, and those who should be allowed to die.
Instructor(s): P. Brendese
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences.

AS.190.339. American Racial Politics. 3.0 Credits.
Recommended Course Background: AS.190.214
Instructor(s): L. Spence
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences.

AS.190.340. Black Politics I. 3.0 Credits.
This course is a survey of the bases and substance of politics among black Americans and the relation of black politics to the American political system up to the end of Jim Crow. The intention is both to provide a general sense of pertinent issues and relations over this period as a way of helping to make sense of the present and to develop criteria for evaluating political scientists’ and others’ claims regarding the status and characteristics of black American political activity.
Instructor(s): L. Spence
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences.

AS.190.342. Black Politics II. 3.0 Credits.
Recommended Course Background: AS.190.340.
Instructor(s): L. Spence
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences.

AS.190.360. Power and Democracy in the American City. 3.0 Credits.
How do race and class intersect to shape how democracy works in American cities? In this innovative course students will learn about urban citizenship, authority, and activism using Baltimore as a case. The class, co-taught with Baltimore organizers, will use a community based learning approach.
Instructor(s): L. Spence
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.190.365. Black Politics: Black Lives Matter. 3.0 Credits.
Over the past two years the #blacklivesmatter movement has transformed the discussion about policing in American cities. In this course we will examine the broad movement against police brutality through the lens of black politics.
Instructor(s): L. Spence
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.190.380. The American Welfare State. 3.0 Credits.
This course analyzes the distinctive US welfare state in historical and comparative perspective. We begin with a survey of the policy context, an historical overview from the poorhouses through the Great Society, and a tour of welfare states across the rich democracies. We then survey developments — and explain the actual workings of policy — across jobs, education, welfare, pensions, and health care. We explore the institutional and political factors behind their divergent trajectories through conservative revival and the age of Obama. Students will write a seminar paper exploring policy development over time in a program or area of their choosing. Enrollment restricted to Social Policy minors only.
Prerequisites: Students may take AS.190.380 or AS.360.380, but not both.
Instructor(s): D. Schlozman
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.190.384. Urban Politics & Policy. 3.0 Credits.
An analysis of public policy and policy-making for American Cities. Special attention will be given to the subject of urban crime and law enforcement, poverty and welfare, and intergovernmental relations. Cross-listed with Africana Studies
Instructor(s): L. Spence
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences.

AS.190.385. Urban Politics and Policy. 3.0 Credits.
An analysis of public policy and policy-making for American Cities. Special attention will be given to the subject of urban crime and law enforcement, poverty and welfare, and intergovernmental relations. Cross listed with Africana Studies.
Instructor(s): L. Spence
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences.

AS.190.391. Time to Kill: Race, Punishment, Death and Desire. 3.0 Credits.
This course examines the role of race in determining who deserves to be punished, the timing and occasions of punitive action and how long punishment should endure. Key to our inquiry is how racialized presumptions about human desire might justify punitive logics of power. The class explores inequalities in the distribution of punishment and death in order to illuminate how race shapes questions of whose time is more valuable, who lives and who dies, and ultimately whose lives count as human.
Instructor(s): P. Brendese
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences.

AS.190.404. Race and Debt: Living on Borrowed Time. 3.0 Credits.
This is an advanced undergraduate seminar that explores how racial stigma functions as a marker of being always already in debt. In view of the legacies of settler-colonialism, imperialism and chattel slavery, how is it that those from whom so much has been taken are nevertheless regarded as perpetually in debt? We shall examine the moral, economic and racialized logics of power through which a range of political subjects come to be regarded as ungrateful “takers” as opposed to “makers,” and owing a debt to society. In so doing, we will investigate how temporality functions as a tool of power by considering how the indebted are made vulnerable to precarity, discipline, and disposability—in effect, forced to live life on borrowed time.
Instructor(s): P. Brendese
Writing Intensive.
AS.190.479. Imag(in)ing Cities. 3.0 Credits.
Cities exert a substantial degree of control over American life. Throughout the 20th and early years of the 21st Century they have been centers of industry, of social change, of political change. And in part because of their status, scholars have begun to theorize about cities. The purpose of this class is to interrogate these theories through a filmic lens. Students will be exposed to readings and then in the second half of the semester, to films about cities that implicitly and explicitly speak to and about these theories. Some coursework in urban studies preferred, though not necessary.
Instructor(s): L. Spence
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences.

AS.191.389. The Politics of Race and Ethnicity in the Postcolonial Society. 3.0 Credits.
The postcolonial society offers a unique terrain for the study of comparative racial politics, providing a setting for which racial and ethnic politics often take place between predominately non-white groups. In this course, students will examine contemporary understandings of the concepts of race and ethnicity and how they are deployed politically in the postcolonial society, enabling students to make deeper explications about the relationship between race, ethnicity and national inclusion as global phenomena that are the persistent and widespread legacies of colonialism, nationalism and white supremacy. Specifically, students will become familiar with the processes of colonization and decolonization—as well as postcolonial theories of resistance—that structure group politics today, drawing upon theoretical sources from Africa, Asia and the Caribbean. These theoretical and historical tools will be used to study racial and ethnic politics across a range of postcolonial cases, including Indonesia, Mauritius, Fiji, Trinidad, Colombia and Brazil.
Instructor(s): E. Thornton
Writing Intensive.

German Romance Languages Literatures
AS.210.391. Advanced Portuguese Language & Literature I. 3.0 Credits.
This third-year course focuses on reading, writing, and oral expression. Under the supervision of the instructor, students will read two complete works by major Brazilian, Portuguese, and/or Afro-Portuguese writers each semester, followed by intense writing and oral discussion on the topics covered. Grammar will be reviewed as necessary. All classes are conducted in Portuguese. Prereq: 210.278 or placement test. Permission required
Prerequisites: AS.210.278 or equivalent score on placement test or instructor approval.
Instructor(s): M. Spiker
Area: Humanities
Writing Intensive.

AS.211.319. ¡Salsa! The Afro-Antillean song. 3.0 Credits.
¡Salsa! The Afro-Antillean song surveys Caribbean music in an international Spanish-speaking context. As a language course, it reviews grammar and instils vocabulary acquisition through the close analysis of the biggest hits of salsa from the past one hundred years. On completion of this course the student will have developed the ability to read and critically discuss music and its history in the Spanish-speaking Caribbean and will have examined cultural roots, market dominance, and media crossovers in the musical universe of the Spanish-speaking archipelago of the Antilles. In completing the course’s final project students will apply, synthesize, and reflect on what has been covered in the class by creating a professional dossier individualized to their own personal musical interests. Concepts learned in this course will be directly applicable to careers linked to intercultural and international relations while also apply to multiple careers in media, music industry and dance. There is no final exam. May not be taken satisfactory/unsatisfactory. Not open to native speakers of Spanish. No new enrollments permitted after the third class session.
Instructor(s): M. Ramos
Area: Humanities.

AS.211.341. Power and Resistance in French Political Thought. 3.0 Credits.
Even as a strong, divine-right monarchy emerged in France, following the Renaissance wars of religion, rebellious French thinkers never stopped questioning the foundations of power. They focused critically not only on the claims of authority issuing from the top, but also on the submissiveness of the governed and the reach of propaganda. This course examines how power shapes minds and bodies, from absolutism to the Revolution, to democratic laïcité. Readings include works by La Boétie, Montaigne, Loyseau, Bayle, Rousseau, Saint-Just, Maistre, Tocqueville, Foucault, Lefort, Rancière and the Assemblée Nationale. Readings and discussion in English.
Instructor(s): E. Russo
Area: Humanities.

AS.211.394. Brazilian Culture & Civilization. 3.0 Credits.
The course is taught in English. No knowledge of Portuguese is required. This course is intended as an introduction to the culture and civilization of Brazil. It is designed to provide students with basic information about Brazilian history, art, literature, popular culture, theater, cinema, and music. The course will focus on how indigenous Asian, African, and European cultural influences have interacted to create the new and unique civilization that is Brazil today. The course is taught in English, but ONE extra credit will be given to students who wish to do the course work in Portuguese. Those wishing to do the course work in English for 3 credits should register for section 01. Those wishing to earn 4 credits by doing the course work in Portuguese should register for section 02. The sections will be taught simultaneously. Section 01: 3 credits Section 02: 4 credits (instructor's permission required)
Instructor(s): F. De Azeredo Cerqueira
Area: Humanities
Writing Intensive.

AS.215.458. Cuba and its Culture Since the Revolution. 3.0 Credits.
We will study the visual and textual arts, cinema, political culture, and blogosphere; reaching back to the first phases in the building of the revolutionary state apparatus and its sovereign mandate. Taught in Spanish.
Prerequisites: AS.210.312[C]
Instructor(s): E. Gonzalez
Area: Humanities.

Writing Seminars
AS.220.438. Readings in Poetry: Of Late: Poetry & Social Justice. 3.0 Credits. In this Community-Based Learning course, students will explore poetry of social and political engagement in partnership with high-school age writers from Writers in Baltimore Schools. Participants will put learning into practice by organizing community conversation, reflection, and collaboration. Participation in some events outside of class time will be required. Instructor(s): D. Malech Area: Humanities.

AS.220.439. Readings in Fiction: Caribbean Voices. 3.0 Credits. Caribbean history is reflected in the literature of emigration and collapse of empire. We'll study novels by Naipaul, Rhys, and other 20th century authors. Instructor(s): W. Biddle Area: Humanities Writing Intensive.

Sociology
AS.230.205. Introduction to Social Statistics. 4.0 Credits. This course will introduce students to the application of statistical techniques commonly used in sociological analysis. Topics include measures of central tendency and dispersion, probability theory, confidence intervals, chi-square, anova, and regression analysis. Hands-on computer experience with statistical software and analysis of data from various fields of social research. Special Note: Required for IS GSCD track students. Prerequisites: Statistics Sequence restriction: students who have completed any of these courses may not register: EN.550.211 OR EN.550.230 OR EN.550.310 OR EN.550.311 OR EN.550.413 OR EN.550.420 OR EN.550.420 OR EN.550.460 OR EN.550.435 OR AS.280.345 OR AS.200.314 OR AS.200.315 OR EN.560.348; Statistics Sequence Restriction: Students who have completed EN.550.111 OR EN.550.113 may not enroll. Instructor(s): J. Grigg Area: Quantitative and Mathematical Sciences, Social and Behavioral Sciences.

AS.230.222. Land, Labor, Environmental Rights and Struggles in Contemporary Africa. 3.0 Credits. The course examines the new wave of social protest and popular uprisings in contemporary Africa through the interconnected themes of land, labor and environmental struggles. Attention will be placed on the early 21st century. Instructor(s): R. Jacobs Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences.

AS.230.244. Race and Ethnicity in American Society. 3.0 Credits. Race and ethnicity have played a prominent role in American society and continue to do so, as demonstrated by interracial and interethic gaps in economic and educational achievement, residence, political power, family structure, crime, and health. Using a sociological framework, we will explore the historical significance of race and its development as a social construction, assess the causes and consequences of intergroup inequalities and explore potential solutions. Instructor(s): M. Greif Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences.

AS.230.265. Research Tools for Global Sociology and Development. 3.0 Credits. This course will introduce students to a range of software programs that are critical for conducting social scientific research in the 21st century. Students will develop competency in the use of computer programs for statistical analysis, database management, the creation of maps and timelines, and the presentation of research reports. The course uses examples from ongoing social science faculty research projects at Johns Hopkins on global inequality and international development. Required for GSCD track students. Course previously titled "Research Tools and Technologies for the Social Sciences" Instructor(s): M. Kang Area: Quantitative and Mathematical Sciences, Social and Behavioral Sciences.

AS.230.313. Space, Place, Poverty & Race: Sociological Perspectives on Neighborhoods & Public Housing. 3.0 Credits. Is a neighborhood just a grouping of individuals living in the same place, or do neighborhoods have collective meanings and impacts on children and families? We will capitalize on research methodologies used to define and describe neighborhoods and their effects on economic and educational outcomes. These include case studies, census data, surveys, quasi/experimental data. Focus is on how research measures neighborhood effects and incorporates community level processes into models of social causation (e.g., social capital/control, community efficacy, civic engagement). Also examined: patterns in residential mobility, segregation, and preferences within black and white populations; development of housing policy in the U.S.; programs to determine how neighborhoods affect issues of social importance. Statistics and public policy background is helpful but not required. Instructor(s): S. Deluca Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences Writing Intensive.

AS.230.316. African American Family. 3.0 Credits. This course is an examination of sociological theories and studies of African-American families and an overview of the major issues confronting African-American family life. The contemporary conditions of black families are explored, as well as the historical events that have influenced the family patterns we currently observe. Special attention will be given to social policies that have evolved as a result of the prominence of any one perspective at a given point in time. Instructor(s): K. McDonald Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences.

AS.230.332. Race, Racism & Racial Privilege. 3.0 Credits. This course will examine the concepts of race, racism, racial privilege in contemporary America, and the West in general. Examples from other countries will be integrated as well. Historical contexts such as the colonialism, the Civil War and Reconstruction, the Civil Rights movement, and the post Civil Rights era will help to provide an understanding of the social, political, economic, and cultural forces processes that have constructed and shaped the concepts of race and the racialized subject over time. Instructor(s): K. McDonald Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences Writing Intensive.
AS.230.357. Baltimore and Beyond. 3.0 Credits.
This course uses the city of Baltimore as a lens through which to explore issues of urban inequality. We will focus on Baltimore’s history of racial segregation and concentrated poverty, and its effect on the social and economic well-being of the city and its residents, with attention to education, employment, health and crime. Students will learn how to employ Census data, GIS approaches, and sociological research to inform questions about population change, inequality and the distribution of resources across the city and metropolitan region. Students will also work on one or more policy relevant studies based in Baltimore, including: a project on abandoned and vacant housing, a desegregation intervention, and a longitudinal study of inner city youth. Finally, students will become familiar with Baltimore City’s programs and policy approaches to addressing the city’s most pressing problems, and will design innovative and effective and innovative solutions as part of their course assignments. Enrollment restricted to Social Policy minors only.
Prerequisites: Students that took AS.360.372 may not take AS.230.357
Instructor(s): S. Deluca
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.230.374. Poverty and Public Policy. 3.0 Credits.
This course examines the causes and consequences of U.S. urban poverty, its implications for health and wellbeing, and explores strategies for addressing it. We cover the major theoretical explanations scholars have advanced to explain the persistence of urban poverty including labor markets, residential segregation, welfare policy, family structure, and the criminal justice system. Within each topic area, students are introduced to a range of interventions aimed at alleviating urban poverty. Students will conduct a formal policy analysis of 20 pages and participate in a mock congressional hearing. Enrollment restricted to Social Policy minors only.
Prerequisites: Students that took AS.360.372 may not take AS.230.374.
Instructor(s): K. Edin
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.230.377. Colonialism and Anti-Colonialism. 3.0 Credits.
This seminar examines the theories and historiography of colonialism and anti-colonial movements. It focuses on the establishment of the colonial division of labor, comparative colonialism, identity formation, and nationalism as well as anti-colonial movement.
Instructor(s): H. Kuo
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences.

AS.230.381. Sociology of the Middle East and North Africa. 3.0 Credits.
This course takes a sociological approach to the contemporary Middle East and North Africa. Topics include urbanization and demographic change; rentier welfare states and the global political economy of oil; women in higher education and the labor force; the 2011 Arab Spring; conflict in Syria, Libya, and Yemen; Amazigh (Berber) identity in northwest Africa; Israel-Palestine; “Dubai, Inc.” and the sociology of migrant labor; neoliberal Islamic politics in Turkey; cinema and everyday life in Iran; conservative monarchy in Morocco and Saudi Arabia; and the role of the United States in the MENA region. Students will give presentations, write memos, and submit two papers. One aim of the course is to turn students into clear, polished academic writers and thinkers.
Instructor(s): R. Calder
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.230.383. Courts, Housing, and the City: A Research Seminar on Social Justice in Baltimore. 3.0 Credits.
This course will join an existing survey of the Housing Court in Baltimore City by the Public Justice Center (PJC) of Maryland to examine the role and process of evictions in the Baltimore civil litigation system. The course will examine the history of housing in Baltimore and the changing role of the courts in housing rights and law from the mid-20th century to the present. Working with the PJC’s Human Right to Housing Project, students will be expected to participate in the survey collection process by attending Rent Court and participating in the data collection process, followed by cleaning and analysis of the data. Counts as American Politics/Sociology of the United States for GSCD Track.
Prerequisites: AS.230.205 AND AS.230.265 or permission of instructor
Instructor(s): D. Pasciuti
Area: Quantitative and Mathematical Sciences, Social and Behavioral Sciences.

AS.230.385. Schooling, Racial Inequality and Public Policy in America. 3.0 Credits.
After examining alternative explanations for why individuals obtain different amounts and types of educational training, the course focuses on how an individual's family background and race affect his or her trajectory through the educational system. The course covers the specific challenges that have confronted urban schooling in America since the 1960s, including the classic literature on the effects of school and community resources on student achievement as well as the development and later evaluation of school desegregation policies. The course also considers case studies of current policy debates in the US, such as housing segregation and school resegregation, voucher programs for school choice, and the motivation for and consequences of the establishment of state-mandated testing requirements. Throughout the course, emphasis is placed upon the alternative modes of inquiry and writing which opposing scholars, policymakers, and journalists use to address these contentious topics.
Instructor(s): S. Morgan
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

Public Health Studies

AS.280.120. Lectures on Public Health and Wellbeing in Baltimore. 1.0 Credit.
An introduction to Urban Health with Baltimore as a case study: wellbeing, nutrition, education, violence and city-wide geographic variation. Lectures by JH Faculty, local government/service providers and advocates.
Instructor(s): P. Leaf
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences.
Humanities Center
AS.300.327. Introduction to Comparative American Cultures: Obama and Philosophy. 3.0 Credits.
This course will investigate the philosophical as well as theological, juridical and political, and rhetorical and literary backgrounds that have informed and shaped Barack Obama's writings, speeches, and policy strategies leading up to and during his presidency. While paying minute attention to a few selected controversial debates in domestic and international governance and relations, and while discussing the question of Obama's legacy in and after the upcoming elections, our primary focus will be on understanding the curious blend of Christian realism, influenced by the theologian Reinhold Niebuhr, the tradition of American civic republicanism and pragmatism, and Obama's specific brand of post-Civil Rights, if not necessarily post-racial, politics. All these tenets coalesce in a vision and politics that may well be described as one of "deep" pragmatism. Attention will be paid to Obama's early appeal to "simple ideas" and "small miracles," each of them yielding the Biblical and sobered injunction of a "hope against hope." But extensive consideration of his thought and impact in the assessment of biographers and intellectual historians, legal scholars and political theorists, cultural critics and pundits will add to our attempt to understand and take stock of the Obama phenomenon as well.
Instructor(s): H. de Vries
Area: Humanities.

East Asian Studies
AS.310.308. The Frontier in Late Imperial China. 3.0 Credits.
The tremendous expansion of Chinese frontiers during the late imperial period forced the state and those who lived within it to grapple with complex problems of governance, ethnicity, and the geographic extent of "China". Issues and concerns associated with the massive Chinese frontiers have extended into the present; hence, no one can appreciate the current problems plaguing China's northwestern, southwestern, or coastal regions without an understanding of its historical antecedents. This seminar is designed to introduce major scholarly works and theoretical frameworks on the Chinese frontier.
Instructor(s): J. Bandy
Area: Humanities
Writing Intensive.

Interdepartmental
AS.360.372. Poverty and Public Policy. 3.0 Credits.
This course examines the causes and consequences of U.S. urban poverty, its implications for health and wellbeing, and explores strategies for addressing it. We cover the major theoretical explanations scholars have advanced to explain the persistence of urban poverty including labor markets, residential segregation, welfare policy, family structure, and the criminal justice system. Within each topic area, students are introduced to a range of interventions aimed at alleviating urban poverty. Students will conduct a formal policy analysis of 20 pages and participate in a mock congressional hearing. Permission of instructor required.
Instructor(s): K. Edin
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

Program in Latin American Studies
AS.361.207. Afro-Latin American Biography. 3.0 Credits.
In this course, we will examine biographical accounts of men and women of African descent in Latin America and in the broader Black Atlantic. These individuals include conquistadors and slaves, saints and sinners, revolutionaries and ordinary people. In their life stories, we will not only examine questions of race, gender, and religiosity that were central to the construction of identity in the early modern Atlantic world, but also the nature of the sources that allow us to tell their stories.
Instructor(s): J. Clark
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

Study of Women, Gender, Sexuality
AS.363.336. The Poetics & Politics of Sex: Feminist Separatism & Its Afterlives. 3.0 Credits.
In 1977, feminist theorist Marilyn Frye asked, “What is it about separation, in any or all of its many forms and degrees, that makes it so basic and so sinister, so exciting and so repellent?” Her essay, “Some Reflections on Separatism and Power” was a response to the emergence and persistence in the 1960s of a feminist separatist politics, as well as its many detractors, both from outside the feminist movement and within (many black feminists, for example, critiqued the movement’s essentialism and its positioning of gender and sexuality above considerations of race). Today, Frye’s question still remains a live one; think, for example, of the now commonplace exclamation that one will “move to Canada” (or “leave Earth” as Tina Fey has it) in the face of an ominous political possibility. In a less facetious form, one might consider the separatism latent in the emergence of queer futurity politics, safe space discourse, and a more general pessimism about reform and assimilation as satisfying answers to a continually oppressive status quo. In this course, we will consider the ongoing salience of the idea of separatism, particularly as it is engaged within politics of gender and sexuality.
Instructor(s): N. Dubay
Area: Humanities.

AS.363.417. Internship/Practicum: Critical Theory and the Possibility of Social Justice. 4.0 Credits.
This course combines a weekly seminar with 4 hours per week in a Baltimore social justice organization, coordinated by the JHU Center for Social Concern. Class discussions draw on readings in ethnography and feminist, queer and critical race studies to address topics such as: race, class and gender inequality, neoliberal development, health, institutional violence and politically engaged research.
Instructor(s): A. Krauss
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences.

Program in Museums and Society
AS.389.376. Enslaved at Homewood: Slavery in 19th Century Maryland. 3.0 Credits.
Students consider the representation of slavery in historic house museums of the late 20th century through the present, and use the university's Homewood Museum as a laboratory for the development, production and mounting of an exhibit about the men, women and children who labored at Homewood in the nineteenth century. Museums and Society Practicum course.
Instructor(s): A. Schreiber
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.
AS.389.377. Black Artists in American Art Museums: Correcting the Canon. 3.0 Credits.
Students are invited to examine critically the history of Black artists exhibiting within American museums. With the help of BMA staff, class will develop interpretation for an installation to accompany a major retrospective of artist Jack Whitten that considers the “canon” of art history as a site of ongoing negotiation between taste-makers, artists, dealers, and critics, as well as art institutions that include the market and the museum. Students will take advantage of archives at the BMA, the Library of Congress and Howard University. Students will help select the artworks and themes for the show; research individual participants in the social networks that facilitated the success of some artists over others; and research the biographies of individual artworks - some that have entered the canon and some that should. M&S Practicum. CBL Course. Cross-listed with Africana Studies.
Instructor(s): J. Kingsley
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences.

AS.389.378. Collections Remix: Black at Hopkins. 3.0 Credits.
We turn a critical eye on our university’s material culture and memory under the guidance of local experts on collecting and interpreting materials that represent the African-American experience. Students will develop a strategic plan to guide future collecting on campus and will stage creative interventions with or around objects to reveal hidden stories and rethink existing interpretation. M&S Practicum. CBL course.
Instructor(s): J. Kingsley
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences.