**Spring 2012 Courses**
Dept. of Africana Studies

**Psychology of Oppression ~ AFR 240 ~ Mon & Wed ~ 9:25-10:40 & 5:40-6:55 ~ Prof. Adams**
A study of the origins of oppression and its psychological effects on various racial and ethnic groups. Comparative analysis of the responses of African-Americans and other selected groups to oppression. Examination of the similarities and differences in patterns of adaptation to abuses of power and authority.

*Prerequisites: ENG 101, and AAP 129/PSY 129 or PSY 101*

**Society and Hip Hop Culture ~ AFR 190 ~ Tues & Thurs ~ 5:40-6:55 ~ Prof. Houlder**
Explore sociological, cultural and legal issues with respect to Hip Hop culture. Analyze “Gangsta Rap” in light of various sociological theories that attempt to explain youth crime. Censorship controversies and cultural diversity issues will be used including classic sociology texts, recent critiques of popular culture, novels, biographies, poetry, film, and of course, MUSIC!

**Origins of Contemporary Africa ~ AFR 150 ~ Tues & Thurs ~ 12:15-1:30 ~ Prof. Malki**
(Formerly AAH 195)
An introduction to the history of Africa from the decline of the Songhay Empire to the present. Survey of cultural, economic and political developments that have shaped contemporary Africa.

*Prerequisites: ENG 101, and AAS 110 or AAS*

**Community & Justice ~ AFR 298 ~ Tues & Thurs ~ 12:15-1:30 ~ Prof. Gordon-Nembhard**
Students will investigate relationships between community-based economic development, education reforms, preventive health and mental health initiatives, youth development, and public safety. The course uses analysis from multiple disciplines (criminology, law, sociology, anthropology, political science, economics, family studies, African American studies, and women’s studies) to explore the race, ethnicity, gender and class implications of both the need for community justice practices and the effectiveness of community based strategies to achieve justice.

**The History of African-American Social and Intellectual Thought ~ AFR 270 ~ Tues & Thurs ~ 4:15-5:30 ~ Prof. Kinshasa**
An historical survey of the principal ideas, ideologies and intellectual currents in the African-American community including the shifting emphases on assimilation, Pan-Africanism and nationalism, major organizations and movements and key individuals who have shaped African-American thought and examination of the impact of these ideas on American thought and culture.

*Prerequisites: ENG 101 and ETH 123*
The Police and the Ghetto ~ AFR 215 ~ Tues & Thurs ~ 5:40—6:55 ~ TBD
Examination of the various perspectives on the nature of police roles in urban African-American communities including perceptions of police as law enforcement agents and as preservers of social order. Functional analysis of crime and of police roles in the ghettoization of communities. Prerequisites: ENG 101, and AAS 110 or AAS 121

Race and the Urban Community ~ AFR 110 ~ Tues & Thurs ~ 4:15—5:30 ~ Prof. Gordon-Nembhard
An introduction to problems of contemporary race relations in major urban areas with particular emphasis on the impact of institutional racism on urban development. Students will also explore interactions between the African-American community and other racial/ethnic groups.

African American Community Issues ~ AFR 121 ~ Mon & Wed ~ 10:50—12:05 ~ Prof. Martin
An introduction to the origins and development of urban African-American communities. An exploration of the historical effects of racial isolation on community building and examination of selected contemporary socioeconomic issues with respect to such areas of concern as housing, education, welfare, the African-American family, crime and the criminal justice system.

Inequality & Wealth ~ AFR 39X ~ Mon & Wed ~ 12:15—1:30 ~ Prof. Martin
This course examines the economic experiences of women and racial and ethnic minorities in the United States. From an interdisciplinary approach, we will assess the causes and consequences of gender, racial and ethnic differences in income and wealth; and possible policy responses.

Crime in Developing Countries ~ AFR 293 ~ Mon & Wed ~ 10:50—12:05 ~ Prof. Mia Ramdial
This course will examine crime in developing countries using the colonial model as a theoretical explanation of crime and delinquency. Discussions will examine and explore how the spillover effect impacts the criminal justice system here in the United States of America. This course provides an interdisciplinary introduction to the notion of globalization and the increasingly interdependent nature crime the harmful effects on societies throughout the world. The specific topics to be studied include Transnational Crime and Corruption, political crime and offenses, drug and human, and trafficking, environmental crimes (3 Credits) Prerequisites: ENG 101

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