AFRI 0090: An Introduction to Africana Studies
This course introduces students to the vibrant and contested field of Africana Studies by critically exploring and analyzing the links and disjunctures in the cultural, political, and intellectual practices and experiences of people of African descent throughout the African diaspora. Beginning with a critical overview of the history, theoretical orientations, and multiple methodological strategies of the discipline, the course is divided into three thematic units that examine intellectuals, politics, and movements; identity construction and formation; and literary, cultural, and aesthetic theories and practices in the African diaspora.

Professor Hamlin

AFRI 0210: Afro Latin Americans and Blackness in the Americas
This course focuses on the position of Blacks in the national histories and societies of Latin America from slavery to the present-day. Emphasis is on a multidisciplinary engagement with issues and the exposure of students to the critical discussion of national images and realities about blackness and Africa-descended institutions and practices. The role of racial issues in national and transnational encounters and the consequences of migration of people and ideas within the hemisphere are explored.

Professor Dzidzienyo

AFRI 0670: Global Black Radicalism
The decade from the mid-Sixties until the mid-Seventies witnessed the rise of Black Radicalism as a global phenomenon. The emergence of Black Power in the US, Brazil and the Caribbean, the consolidation of liberation struggles in Portuguese Africa and the rise of a Black Consciousness trend in Apartheid South Africa all represent key moments. What led young activists to embrace “Black Power?” What led to the emergence of Marxist movements in Portuguese Africa? What events in the Caribbean gave ascendancy to radical tendencies? And what forces contributed to the decline of these movements? This course seeks to answer these questions.

Professors Meeks/Professor Augusto

AFRI 0830: How Structural Racism Works
This lecture course is an exploration of structural racism: the normalized and legitimized range of policies, practices, and attitudes that routinely produce cumulative and chronic adverse outcomes for people of color. With a special focus on African-Americans in the post-Civil Rights Era, we will explore how structural racism “works” intersectionally and in compounded ways in housing, criminal justice, education, employment, and media. We will also consider cultural, political and social challenges to structural racism as well as the role and impact of colorblind ideology and behavioralism as dominant countervailing explanations for racial disparities.

Professor Rose
AFRI 1010C: Race, Gender, Ethics and Environmental Justice
African Americans, Gender, Ethics and Environmental Justice examines the role of African Americans in the larger environmental history conversation. It utilizes a gendered lens to investigate how African American interpreted their natural surroundings and contributed to the development of 20th century American environmental consciousness. This course is reading and writing intensive.
Professor Fabien

AFRI 1060W: Policy, Culture and Discourse that Shape Health and Access to Healthcare
The global discourse on health and access to healthcare are shaped by narratives that often conflate health with being about the healthcare system rather than about where we live, the policies, the politics, and narratives/discourse that shape them. Global health also tends to promote a perspective that it is about those people over there and has nothing to do with us here. This course will create a platform that ties the global to the local. We will discuss how political and cultural discourse on race, class, and gender create the conditions that allow social inequalities to thrive.
Professor Ritchie

AFRI 1060X: African Development
Course takes an interdisciplinary approach to introduce contemporary development issues in Africa. Drawing on literature from political sciences, economics, sociology and history, it explores the challenges of development in the continent since independence, as well as investigates the influences of governance, institutions, conflicts and external forces in Africa’s development trajectories. This is an applied course that would utilize both theoretical and policy analytical approaches to examine the political and socioeconomic dynamism in contemporary Africa. This course is guided by questions, such as: Why have most African countries remained underdeveloped, poor and susceptible to conflicts (many of which seem intractable)?
Professor Agupusi

AFRI 1060Y: Sex, Violence and the Policing of Black Struggle
This seminar considers some of the historical dimensions and diverse manifestations of the relationship between sex and violence across the eras of black social movement in order to inquire into the nature of a society structured in antiblackness. We consider violence, gender, sex, and freedom across an interdisciplinary terrain, dealing with problems of representation, punishment, policing, and self-determination. The real significance of iconic black lives lost to policing in recent days and years lies within this realm of sexual violence, beyond an examination of law and policing.
Professor Woods

AFRI 1110: Voices Beneath the Veil
Thirty plays, written by Afro-American playwrights and presented on the American stage between 1858 and the 1990s, are examined as cultural and historical documents of Afro-American realities. Supplementary readings from the humanities and social sciences provide critical framework for in-class discussions and student papers. Instructor permission required.
Professor Terry-Morgan

AFRI 1210: Afro-Brazilians and the Brazilian Polity
Explores the history and present-day conditions of Afro-Brazilians, looking specifically at the uses of Africana in contemporary Brazil, political and cultural movements among Afro-Brazilians, domestic politics and its external dimensions, and Brazilian race relations within a global comparative
framework. Texts from a variety of disciplines. A reading knowledge of Portuguese is not required but students so advantaged should inform the instructor.

Professor Dzidzienyo

AFRI 2001: Theories of Africana Thought: Intellectual History and Critical Theory
This course will be a close reading of the various ideas, theories and practices of the thinkers, writers, artists and activists whose work and practices have constituted an Africana intellectual tradition. In conducting this review, we will examine questions around the formation and the history of thought and intellectual traditions in general. We will also think about the various fields of knowledge which have shaped Africana thought. The course therefore will spend some time working through the different meanings of intellectual work and critical thought and theory. Enrollment limited to 12 graduate students.

Professor Bogues

AFRI 2502: Race and Nation in the Spanish Caribbean
For five centuries, the Caribbean has stood at a crucial crossroads in the unfolding history of the Americas, Europe, and the African diaspora. This seminar engages in a comparative survey of the interwoven dynamics of race and national construction in the making of the Spanish-speaking Caribbean. The focus of the seminar will be placed on the on-going centrality of race in these island nations. Drawing on a range of readings in history, music, poetry and anthropology, this course will explore the overlapping historical contexts of Cuba, Puerto Rico, and the Dominican Republic.

Professor Mann-Hamilton

AFRI XLIST - COLT 0711E: Reading and Writing African Gender
In this course, we will examine ways that gender and literary genre figure in postcolonial African writing, and in its reception. We will closely read novels by four significant women authors: Mariama Bâ (Senegal), Zoe Wicomb (South Africa), Tsitsi Dangarembga (Zimbabwe), and Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie (Nigeria). We will also read short, lesser-known texts, such as Richard Rive's “Riva” and Binyavanga Wainaina's “The Missing Chapter,” that question boundaries of gender, genre, and sexuality.

Professor Goldblatt

AFRI XLIST - DEVL 1700: Beyond Sun, Sea and Sand: Exploring the Contemporary Caribbean
For many people, their image of the Caribbean is the tourist brochure and television advertisement representation of sun, sea and sand. This course challenges that through a broad introduction to the real society, economy and politics of the Caribbean region. Using literature, film and traditional texts, it captures the cultural and linguistic complexity of the region through the exploration of a range of central themes such as ethnicity, color, class, politics, as well as more specific, targeted areas including economic inequality, migration, and tourism.

Professor Lewis

AFRI XLIST - ENGL 0710Q: American Literature in the Era of Segregation
This course examines how American literature intersects with the legal, ethical, and racial discourses that defined the system of racial segregation. The class will assess literary works in relation to the discourses employed historically to rationalize segregation. In addition, the course will explore the ways that literary style and genre became inseparable from the culture of segregation. Authors include
Mark Twain, Nella Larsen, William Faulkner, and Ralph Ellison.

Professor Murray

AFRI XLIST - ENGL 1710P: The Literature and Culture of Black Power Reconsidered

This course reexamines the Black Power movement as a signal development in American literature and culture. We will read classics from the period with a view toward reassessing the nuances and complexities of their form and politics. At the same time, we will recover less familiar texts that complicate conventional understandings of what defines this movement. Authors include Malcolm X, Huey P. Newton, Angela Davis, Eldridge Cleaver, John Edgar Wideman, Ernest Gaines, and Amiri Baraka. DPLL

Professor Murray