

Black Studies (BLST)

Courses

BLST 401. Senior Seminar in Black Studies. 3 hours.

Through weekly readings, discussions, and assignments, students will be guided through a hands-on process of developing a senior project within a small, supportive and dynamic learning community. Course Information: Previously listed as AAST 401. Prerequisite(s): BLST 206; and senior standing or above; or consent of the instructor.

BLST 406. Topics in Black Feminist and Queer Studies. 3 or 4 hours.

Advanced study of topics related to theories of race, gender and sexuality with a specific focus on black feminist and queer studies. Topics may vary. Course Information: Same as GWS 406. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May be repeated if topics vary. Prerequisite(s): Junior standing or above and one 100-level course in Black Studies or one 100-level course in Gender and Women's Studies; or consent of the instructor.

BLST 407. Seminar in Comparative Racialization. 3 or 4 hours.

Provides an interdisciplinary and comparative approach to the making and remaking of "race" and the resultant racialized experiences of different groups in the U.S. and globally. Course Information: Same as SOC 407. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Previously listed as AAST 407. Prerequisite(s): BLST 207 or SOC 207 or BLST 225 or SOC 225 or LALS 225; and senior standing or above; or consent of the instructor.

BLST 408. Global Black Feminisms. 3 or 4 hours.

Examines transnational, Third Wave and Third World Black feminist approaches to global politics from historical and contemporary perspectives with a particular emphasis on the late 20th century and the beginning of the 21st century. Course Information: Same as GWS 408 and LALS 408. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Recommended background: Undergraduate students: at least three credit hours in BLST or GWS or LALS.

BLST 410. Race, Gender and Representation: Black Bodies in Media and Mass Culture. 3 or 4 hours.

Examines the ideological, cultural and economic structures that shape the representation of Black subjects in performance, visual arts, and mass media, paying close attention to gender and sexuality. Course Information: 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Same as COMM 410 and GWS 410. Recommended background: Three or more credit hours in Black Studies or consent of the instructor.

BLST 441. Topics in African History. 3 or 4 hours.

Specific topics are announced each term. Course Information: Same as HIST 441. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May be repeated. Prerequisite(s): 3 hours of African history, Black Studies, or consent of the instructor.

BLST 481. Topics in African American and Diaspora History. 3 or 4 hours.

African American history and/or history of the diaspora for students with significant background in the field. Topics vary. Course Information: Same as HIST 485. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May be repeated if topics vary. Students may register in more than one section per term. Prerequisite(s): 3 hours of BLST history course or consent of the instructor.

BLST 490. Topics in Black Literature. 3 or 4 hours.

The study and analysis of selected works of Black literature and culture for students with significant background in the field. Topics vary by semester. Course Information: Same as ENGL 473. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May be repeated. Students may register in more than one section per term. Previously listed as AAST 490. Prerequisite(s): BLST 100; or consent of the instructor.

BLST 492. Topics in Social Science Research. 3 or 4 hours.

Examination of selected specialized topics that vary each semester. Topics are drawn from research in political science, psychology, sociology, and history. Course Information: 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May be repeated. Students may register in more than one term per semester. Previously listed as AAST 492. Prerequisite(s): BLST 100; or consent of the instructor.

BLST 494. Advanced Topics in Black Studies. 3 or 4 hours.

In-depth study of selected topics in the field of Black Studies. Course Information: 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May be repeated. Students may register in more than one section per term. Prerequisite(s): Junior standing or above. Any two 200-level Black Studies courses or consent of the instructor.

BLST 501. Interdisciplinary Seminar in Black Studies. 4 hours.

Graduate introductory seminar to the intellectual traditions, theoretical frameworks, and methodological innovations shaping the interdisciplinary field of Black Studies. Course Information: Previously listed as AAST 501.

BLST 502. Graduate Colloquium in Black Studies. 1 hour.

Interdisciplinary research and writing colloquium in the field of Black Studies. Course features the research of faculty, guest lecturers, and advanced graduate students from UIC and Chicago's broader scholarly community. Course Information: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grading only. May be repeated. May not be repeated for credit towards the Graduate Concentration in Black Studies. Previously listed as AAST 502. Prerequisite(s): Credit or concurrent registration in BLST 501; or approval of the department.

BLST 503. Topics in Black Studies. 4 hours.

Study of a topic in Black Studies in an advanced level. Specific topics are announced each term. Course Information: May be repeated for a maximum of 8 hours. Previously listed as AAST 503.

BLST 596. Independent Study. 1-4 hours.

Advanced independent study or research in Black Studies, under the supervision of a faculty member. Course Information: May be repeated for credit. Students may register for more than one section per term. Prerequisite(s): Consent of instructor and department approval.