



# Wayne County Community College District

## COURSE SYLLABUS

### AAS 140 The Psychology of the African-American Experience

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**CREDIT HOURS:** 3.00

**CONTACT HOURS:** 45.00

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

Fundamental concepts and principles of psychology from the African-American perspective with an emphasis on behavioral elements affecting black and white relations, linkages between the behavior of traditional and contemporary African people. The role of the black family in the struggle for equality and liberation is explored.

**PREREQUISITES:** NONE

**EXPECTED COMPETENCIES:**

Upon completion of this course, the student will be familiar with:

- To develop an understanding of the differences between a positive (African) and negative (European) frames of reference, which serve as bases for setting standards or judging behavior.
- To understand the difficulties that Black people face in acquiring positive self-images and identities. The process of acculturation and its relationship to identity will be studied.
- To become aware of internal problems of Black people resulting from the organization of society around racism and how such an organization facilitates external manipulation by racists.
- To understand the concept of a value system through the study of traditional African and other non-Western value systems and how to apply, adapt and modify these values to present conditions.

**ASSESSMENT METHODS:**

Student performance may be assessed by examination, quizzes, case studies, oral conversation, group discussion, oral presentations. The instructor reserves the option to employ one or more of these assessment methods during the course.

**GRADING SCALE:**

90%-100% = A  
80%-89.9% = B  
70%-79.9% = C  
60%-69.9% = D  
<60% = E