



Wayne County Community College District

COURSE SYLLABUS

HIS 261 African-American History I

CREDIT HOURS: 3.00

CONTACT HOURS: 45.00

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is an American history course that focuses on the role the African-American has played in American history up to 1865. A survey of the African background, the Colonial period and the African- American experience from the American Revolution to the Civil War. This course provides students with a general background on the development of the American nation and the significant role played by African-Americans prior to the Civil War.

PREREQUISITES: *NONE*

EXPECTED COMPETENCIES:

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. **West Africa:** To examine the economic, social, and political factors led to the development of sophisticated societies in this part of the continent
2. **New World Experience:** To examine how the Africans adjusted to a new way of living in the Americas as indentured servants and then later as slaves in the Southern North American and Caribbean Island Colonies
3. **Struggle for Freedom:** To examine how African-Americans made efforts to escape the plantation system and migrate northward to obtain religious, social, and economic freedom
4. **Civil War and Reconstruction:** To examine how Blacks joined the Civil War to fight against the Confederacy to gain their total freedom and recognition as American citizens. To understand how reconstruction assisted Black Americans in the South in gaining power politically, socially, and economically

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