

**NOVA COLLEGE-WIDE COURSE CONTENT SUMMARY
HIS 141 – AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY I (3 CR.)**

Course Description

Surveys the history of black Americans from their African origins to the present. Part I of II. Lecture 3 hours per week.

General Course Purpose

Surveys the history of the African American experience to 1865 and allows students to reach a basic understanding of how the African American cultural experience has been influenced by the historical development of ancient African civilizations, and how the African American experience has evolved through the trans-Atlantic slave trade, British colonial slavery, American antebellum period, and the rise of free black communities prior to the American Civil War. Students will learn about the important figures and the political, economic, social, and cultural factors shaping the dynamics of the African American experience during the time period considered.

Course Prerequisites/Corequisites

None

Course Objectives

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

- Describe the relationship between race and new world slavery
- Establish a chronology of key events shaping the evolution of the African American experience to 1865
- Identify key factors shaping the evolution of American slavery
- Explain the changing socio-cultural dynamics of the enslaved community and family
- Explain the various methods that African Americans used to resist enslavement
- Identify African cultural survivals within African American culture to 1865
- Analyze complex historical sources and materials and reach conclusions based on interpretations of those materials

Major Topics to be Included

- Ancient African Civilizations (including Egypt, Nubia, Ghana, Mali, Songhai)
- West African Civilization and Culture prior to the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade
- The Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade the rise of Racial Slavery in the New World
- Evolution of Slavery in British Colonial America
- Eighteenth Century American Slave Societies
- African Americans and the American Revolution
- African Americans and the Early Republic
- The First Emancipation and the Rise of Free Black Communities
- Antebellum Slavery and the Domestic Slave Trade
- The Abolitionist Movement
- African Americans and the American Civil War