This program is designed to facilitate and promote innovations in curricular offerings in relation both to interdisciplinary conceptual focus and experimental pedagogical form. It provides support for faculty efforts to develop a curriculum that creatively responds to intellectual needs and modes of teaching/learning that currently fall outside the conventional pattern. Faculty members interested in offering courses that fall outside the aegis of departmental or existing interdisciplinary programs submit such courses directly to the Committee on Educational Affairs by the Registrar’s deadline for course submission in early spring. Courses that fit within the curricula of departments and interdisciplinary programs, even if interdisciplinary or experimental in nature, are found listed within those departments and programs.

INTR 219  (F)  Women and Girls in (Inter)National Politics  (DPE)
Cross-listings:  AFR 217 INTR 219 AMST 217 WGSS 219 LEAD 219
Primary Cross-listing
This tutorial focuses on the writings and autobiographies of women who have shaped national politics through social justice movements in the 20th-21st centuries. Women and girls studied include: Fannie Lou Hamer, Shirley Chisholm, Safiya Bukhari, Erica Garner, Greta Thunberg, Malala Yousafzai, Marielle Franco, Winnie Mandela.
Requirements/Evaluation:  Weekly 5-page primary analytical papers and 2-page response papers.
Prerequisites:  none
Enrollment Limit:  10
Enrollment Preferences:  Juniors and seniors, sophomores.
Expected Class Size:  10
Grading:  no pass/fail option,  no fifth course option
Distributions:  (D2)  (DPE)
This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:
AFR 217(D2) INTR 219(D2) AMST 217(D2) WGSS 219(D2) LEAD 219(D2)
Difference, Power, and Equity Notes:  This tutorial examines how girls and women confront capitalism, imperialism, climate devastation, patriarchy and poverty. The national and international movements that they participated in or led were based on shifting the balance of powers towards the impoverished, colonized, and imprisoned.
Not offered current academic year

INTR 220  (F)  Cold War Intellectuals: Civil Rights, Writers and the CIA  (DPE)
Cross-listings:  PSCI 221 INTR 220 AMST 201 AFR 224 LEAD 220
Primary Cross-listing
This weekly tutorial has alternating primary and secondary writers (5pages/2pages). In weekly one-hour sessions, students read their work aloud followed by dialogue and critique. Primary papers are due to respondent/professor 48hrs before the tutorial meets; response papers are emailed to the professor 2hours before the weekly tutorial meets. Readings include: We Charge Genocide; Williams J. Maxwell, F. B. Eyes: How J. Edgar Hoover's Ghostreaders Framed African American Literature; Chalmers Johnson, Blowback: The Costs and Consequences of American Empire; Hugh Wilford, The Mighty Wurlitzer: How the CIA Played America; “Part III Supervision and Control of the CIA,” Rockefeller Commission Report; Malcolm X Speaks; Sam Greenlee, The Spook Who Sat By the Door; and, The Murder of Fred Hampton. The tutorial is open to all students.
Requirements/Evaluation:  Attend all classes; submit completed papers 24hours before seminar meets.
Prerequisites:  none
Enrollment Limit:  10
Enrollment Preferences:  Juniors and Seniors.
Expected Class Size:  10
Grading:  no pass/fail option,  no fifth course option
Distributions: (D2) (DPE)
This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:
PSCI 221(D2) INTR 220(D2) AMST 201(D2) AFR 224(D2) LEAD 220(D2)

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: This tutorial examines the Cold War between the US and the USSR and attempts to use intellectuals to shape and promote the objectives of powerful state entities. The power struggle between the two “superpowers” impacted cultural production and authors. Some of those authors influenced or enlisted into the Cold War sought equity and equality for their communities and eventually fought against the very political powers that employed them.

Not offered current academic year

INTR 320 (S) The Impact of Black Panther Party Intellectuals on Political Theory (DPE) (WS)
Cross-listings: LEAD 319 PSCI 376 AMST 308 INTR 320
Primary Cross-listing
This seminar examines the historical and contemporary impact of the Black Panther Party—and key allies such as Angela Davis—on political theory. Texts include: narratives from 1966-2016; memoirs; political critiques; theoretical analyses; interviews; speeches; government documents. The seminar will examine: original source materials; academic/popular interpretations and representations of the BPP; hagiography; iconography; political rebellion, political theory. Readings: Liberation, Imagination and the Black Panther Party; Soledad Brother: The Prison Writings of George Jackson; Mao’s Little Red Book; The Communist Manifesto; Still Black, Still Strong; Imprisoned Intellectuals; Comrade Sisters: Women in the Black Panther Party.
Requirements/Evaluation: Requirements: students attend each seminar class and come prepared to discuss the readings; participate in discussions; present a collective analysis with Q/A for the seminar; submit a mid-term paper and a final paper or a group project.
Prerequisites: None.
Enrollment Limit: 19
Enrollment Preferences: Juniors and Seniors with previous courses taken in Africana Studies, American Studies, Political Science, Philosophy.
Expected Class Size: 19
Grading: yes pass/fail option, yes fifth course option
Distributions: (D2) (DPE) (WS)
This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:
LEAD 319(D2) PSCI 376(D2) AMST 308(D2) INTR 320(D2)
Writing Skills Notes: An analytical outline of collective presentation; a mid-term paper and a final paper.
Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: The course focuses on African Americans and political resistance to racism and capitalism, as well as support for impoverished, under-resourced communities grappling with police violence.
Attributes: AFR Core Electives AMST Critical and Cultural Theory Electives PHIL Contemporary Value Theory Courses PSCI Political Theory Courses

INTR 341 (S) Black Marxism: Political Theory and Anti-Colonialism (DPE) (WS)
Cross-listings: PSCI 373 AFR 340 PHIL 341 INTR 341
Primary Cross-listing
The seminar involves a critical engagement with key Africana political leaders, theorists and liberationists. We will examine the Pan-African writings of: Cedric Robinson (Black Marxism); Walter Rodney (How Capitalism Underdeveloped Africa), Eric Williams (Capitalism and Slavery; From Columbus to Castro); Frantz Fanon (The Wretched of the Earth); Malcolm X (Malcolm X Speaks); Amilcar Cabral (Resistance and Decolonization; Unity and Struggle); C. L. R. James (The Black Jacobins).
Requirements/Evaluation: Attend all classes. Papers are due 24 hours before the start of class. Participate in class discussions.
Prerequisites: None
Enrollment Limit: 19
Enrollment Preferences: Juniors and Seniors.
Expected Class Size: 19
Grading: yes pass/fail option, yes fifth course option
Distributions: (D2) (DPE) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:
PSCI 373(D2) AFR 340(D2) PHIL 341(D2) INTR 341(D2)

Writing Skills Notes: Three thesis papers at five pages each (each receiving critical feedback from professor); one thesis paper revision with critical feedback from professor and peers, including one letter of revision explaining the student's revision process; one keyword glossary where students develop rigorous definitions of course key terms; one roundtable discussion based on the final paper.

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: This course focuses on anti-colonial struggles against European powers. Research will include the concept of "internal colonies" in the US.

Not offered current academic year

INTR 343 (S) Representations of Racial-Sexual Violence from Enslavement to Emancipation

Cross-listings: INTR 343 AFR 343 WGSS 343 AMST 343

Primary Cross-listing

This tutorial examines representations of and resistance to racial-sexual violence in American society, from colonial America to contemporary US culture. Interdisciplinary texts cover history, politics, literature, film, feminist studies, American studies, LGBTQ and ethnic/black studies. Books include Southern Horrors; Intimate Matters; Scenes of Subjection; Trauma and Recovery; The Delectable Negro; At the Dark End of the Street; films include Birth of a Nation; Bush Mama; To Kill a Mockingbird. The primary focus is on racial and sexual vulnerability to violence and mobilization for freedom from the 18th-21st centuries.

Class Format: students provide primary and response papers and discuss their analyses and theories of social and interpersonal violence

Requirements/Evaluation: weekly primary and response papers

Prerequisites: none

Enrollment Limit: 10

Enrollment Preferences: preference given to juniors and seniors

Expected Class Size: 8

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions: (D2)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:
INTR 343(D2) AFR 343(D2) WGSS 343(D2) AMST 343(D2)

Attributes: AMST Critical and Cultural Theory Electives JLST Interdepartmental Electives WGSS Racial Sexual + Cultural Diversity Courses

Not offered current academic year


Cross-listings: AFR 372 GBST 400 AMST 400 INTR 400 PSCI 379

Primary Cross-listing

This seminar focuses on the entwined histories of liberation movements against racism, enslavement, and imperialism in the US, Cuba and Africa. Readings include: Hugh Thomas, Cuba: A History; Che Guevara: The Motorcycle Diaries; Walter Rodney, How Europe Underdeveloped Africa; Laird Bergad, The Comparative Histories of Slavery in Brazil, Cuba, and the United States; Thomas Sankara, Women's Liberation and the African Freedom Struggle; Nelson Mandela and Fidel Castro, How Far We Slaves Have Come! Students will read and analyze texts, screen documentaries, collectively compile a comprehensive bibliography, and present group analyses. The seminar is open to all students; however, priority is given to seniors majoring in American Studies.

Requirements/Evaluation: Reading and analysis of texts, collective compilation of a comprehensive bibliography, presentation of group analyses; two brief papers due at midterm and the end of the semester

Prerequisites: None

Enrollment Limit: 12
Enrollment Preferences: Seniors majoring in American Studies

Expected Class Size: 12

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions: (D2) (DPE)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:
AFR 372(D2) GBST 400(D2) AMST 400(D2) INTR 400(D2) PSCI 379(D2)

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: This course addresses international, anti-colonial solidarity between Blacks in the US, Cuba, Africa. It tracks the evolution of "racial capitalism," noting intersections between enslavers in the US and Cuba, and accumulation of wealth through the Atlantic slave trade. Students will analyze the powers of the enslaved, tracing history, political economies, culture, violence, and dispossession, to emphasize resistance to human bondage and successful and compromised revolutions in Cuba and the US.

Attributes: AMST 400-level Senior Seminars

Not offered current academic year

Winter Study -----------------------------------------------

INTR 99  (W)  Indep Study: Interdisciplinary
Open to upperclass students. Students interested in doing an independent project (99) during Winter Study must make prior arrangements with a faculty sponsor. The student and professor then complete the independent study proposal form available online. The deadline is typically in late September. Proposals are reviewed by the pertinent department and the Winter Study Committee. Students will be notified if their proposal is approved prior to the Winter Study registration period.

Class Format: independent study

Grading: pass/fail only

Not offered current academic year