

BLCK 4500: Social Policy & Grassroots Organizing

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: Completion of 30 credit hours

This course explores how to transform grassroots social movements into sustainable institutions with organizational, political, and policy objectives. The aim of the course is to bring marginalized perspectives to the challenges facing activists and policymakers. In this course, students foster more awareness on how interdisciplinary strategies and grassroots collaborations can bring about sustainable social change.

BLCK 4550: Black Genocide

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: Completion of 30 credit hours

This course provides students with a scholarly examination of violence imposed on the African Diaspora with a focus on the Black populations in both the United States and Brazil. Students investigate how Black lives can matter. Students examine cases of police violence, the dynamics of incarceration, racial segregation, and dehumanization to sustain class discussions. The course challenges students to make connections between local, national and global trends in the African Diaspora.

AMST 1102: American Identities

3 Credit Hours

This course explores what it means to be "American." Examining "American Identities" from local and global perspectives, and through a variety of disciplinary frameworks, this course focuses on the diverse forms of "American Identity," as well as the social and cultural histories that have shaped these identities. Students examine their own and others' identities. Students gain knowledge and skills related to intercultural relations through various methods that include research, reading, writing, performance, and class activities.