

To Professor Charles Peterson
From R. E. Hosack
Subject Black Studies Program

UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO
Inter-Office Memorandum

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For your information I enclose a three-page statement which was submitted as the proposal for the course now offered as Soc. Sci. 103 - Black Identity, 2 credits. Essentially the course as offered follows the pattern proposed here although not in all details. I also enclose a bibliography, "The Negro in America" which was prepared for general use by students in History and related fields but which was distributed to everyone who registered for Soc. Sci. 103. These two documents will explain the nature of the course about as well as anything short of taking the course or an extensive interview with the instructors involved.

The course meets once a week with a lecture on the topic of the week by a lecturer who has specialized in that area. It is a two-hour class meeting, and the latter part of the meeting--the actual time varies of course--is divided up into discussion groups. There will be a formal test for the mid-semester grade and another for the final examination.

The breakdown of the student enrollment by colleges and by class standing is rather interesting. Half of the students are from Letters and Science and one fourth from Education. The remainder are scattered through the other colleges with relatively low registration, considering the number of students involved, for both Business and Engineering. Although it is classified as a freshman course, less than a quarter of the class are freshman. In fact three fifths of the class are juniors and seniors. The course is designed for University of Idaho students, which means it is not intended for members of the Black Community. There are only two or three blacks registered for the course. We would like to have more black instructors, but they also are scarce in this area and only two are involved. I trust this information will be useful to you and to the Commission.

Attachments

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