

Master Syllabus

PSY 1160 - African American Psychology

Division: Liberal Arts, Communication and Social Sciences

Department: Psychology

Credit Hour Total: 3.0

Lecture Hrs: 3.0

Date Revised: June 2014

Course Description:

Multidisciplinary study of theories, cultural themes and psychological constructs used to further promote understanding of thoughts, feelings and behaviors of African-Americans.

General Education Outcomes:

- ▣ Oral Communication
- ▣ Written Communication
- ▣ Information Literacy

Course Outcomes:

Solutions and challenges

Identify and evaluate solutions to contemporary challenges confronting the African American community.

Assessment Method: Focus groups

Performance Criteria: Meet 70% or better of rubric requirements

African-centered norms in psychology

Differentiate basic African-centered principles and norms of child-rearing, self concept, education, family relations, mental disorders and counseling.

Assessment Method: Performance appraisals

Performance Criteria: Meet 70% or better of rubric requirements

Origins of African American psychology

Examine the origins of contemporary African American psychology and how the discipline emerged from its African roots and American reality.

Assessment Method: Locally developed exams

Performance Criteria: Score 70% or better on exams

Outline:

History of African American Psychology
Africentric Psychology
Self attributes and identity
Kinship & family
Racism, neighborhoods, and communities
Education, cognition, learning, and language
Interpersonal and close relationships
Religion and spirituality
Lifespan development & employment
Drug use and antisocial behaviors
Physical & mental health