

## 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

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### 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