

African American/Black and Puerto Rican/Latino Course of Studies

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The African American/Black and Puerto Rican/Latino Course of Studies is a one credit, year-long elective in which students will consider the scope of African American/Black and Puerto Rican/Latino contributions to U.S. history, society, economy, and culture. It utilizes Connecticut's Social Studies Framework themes and inquiry-based approach already familiar to social studies teachers to deliver a content rich and personalized learning experience.

The course is an opportunity for students to explore accomplishments, struggles, intersections, perspectives, and collaborations of African American/Black and Puerto Rican/Latino people in the U.S. Students will examine how historical movements, legislation, and wars affected the citizenship rights of these groups and how they, both separately and together, worked to build U.S. cultural and economic wealth and create more just societies in local, national, and international contexts.

Coursework will provide students with tools to identify historic and contemporary tensions around race and difference; map economic and racial disparities over time; strengthen their own identity development; and address bias in their communities. This course will contribute to the critical consciousness and civic-mindedness competencies of a twenty-first century graduate, and ultimately facilitate students' interest in pursuing further ethnic, anthropology, or human rights studies in the future.

[Synthesis for entry into Program of Studies]

Course Code: TBD

Title: AFRICAN AMERICAN/BLACK AND PUERTO RICAN/LATINO STUDIES

Recommended Prerequisites: US History and Modern World History

Humanities Elective Grades: 11-12 Credit: 1.0 CCP level Full Year

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Learning objectives and essential questions that will guide instruction and student inquiry include: (see separate document)