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Black America, 1619-Present
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Overview
This introductory-level class will trace the history of African Americans from 1619 to the contemporary Black Lives Matter movement. The African American experience is a key component to understanding the history of the United States and the modern world. The contradictions of slavery and freedom at the nation’s founding; the prospect of interracial democracy presented by the Civil War and Reconstruction; and the role of the Black Freedom Movement in expanding American citizenship, all attest to the significance of African American history. A premium will be placed in studying women, gender, and sexualities. Transnational in breadth, this course frames African American history within the broader context of the African diaspora, the global community of African-descended people. If successful, students will gain insight not only for interpreting the world in which we live; but also for changing it.

*This course satisfies the General Education Criteria in Summer 2016 for a UIUC: History &Philosophy Perspective course, and UIUC: US Minority Culture(s) course.*