Black American Studies (BAMS)

Undergraduate Course Offerings/Descriptions for Summer 2017
First Summer Session 6/5/17-7/7/17 (5 weeks)

BAMS 205-010—Contemporary African American Issues: Problems and Challenges Facing Education in Public Schools
Washington, L. C. TWR 1:15pm-3:30pm
This course explores major issues in public education and the programs and practices that address them. We will examine from the perspectives of all the stakeholders the many problems and challenges currently facing public education. Students will discuss major topics in educational reform, such as classroom size, poverty, family dynamics, technology, teacher quality, funding, legislative policies, school discipline, and other relevant concerns. In the end, students talking this course will have gained insight from evidence-based solutions put forth by local and national educational leaders who have demonstrated best practices in their fields. This course is designed to facilitate problem solving by using creative and critical thinking skills in order to foster a culture of innovation that produces creative initiatives for ready implementation in the educational field. Section satisfies a Group C and the University multicultural requirements.

BAMS 205-011—Black Religion and Spirituality
Smith, A TWR 11:30am-1:45pm
From Egyptian mystery systems and Orisha cosmology, to Islamic poetry and hand-clapping Gospel music, this course, using a multi-disciplinary approach, examines how Blacks in the Diaspora developed diverse ways of describing, making sense of and responding to their lived experiences of the universe. Section satisfies a Group C and the University multicultural requirements.