Metropolitan State University

ETHS 343 : Civil Rights Movement in the 1960s

A. Course Description

Credits: 4

Lab Hours/ Weeks: Corequisites: None

Lecture Hours/ Week :

MnTC Goals: Goal LS - Upper Division Liberal Studies , Goal 07 - Human Diversity

The Civil Rights revolution of the 1960s represents the culmination of decades of efforts, a change in civil rights legislation and a touchstone for subsequent "revolutions." It changed the then current laws and it relied upon law to demand those changes. Many of the debates started then, continue today. Through reading, discussion, lectures and videos, students study the people, the events (as well as their antecedents and their progeny), and the ideas of the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s. Assignments include library research. (Also listed as Hist 315 Civil Rights Movement in the 1960s.)

B. Course Effective Dates: 12/17/2006 - Present

C. Outline of Major Content Areas:

See Course Description for major content areas.

D. Learning Outcomes (General)

1. Gains knowledge of the people, places, and events of the civil rights movement of the 1960s, including the relationship of the people to the government, consistent with the analytical and expressive complexity and sophistication that are distinctively characteristic of upper-division courses completed at a comprehensive university.
2. Understands the nature of oppression, legal and extralegal, of African Americans in the United States, consistent with the analytical and expressive complexity and sophistication that are distinctively characteristic of upper-division courses completed at a comprehensive university.
3. Can analyze critically the relationship between present-day people and events and the people and events of the past and can communicate this analysis effectively, consistent with the analytical and expressive complexity and sophistication that are distinctively characteristic of upper-division courses completed at a comprehensive university.

E. Learning Outcomes (MN Transfer Curriculum)

Goal LS - Upper Division Liberal Studies

None

Goal 07 - Human Diversity

1. Demonstrate an awareness of the individual and institutional dynamics of unequal power relations between groups in contemporary society.
2. Analyze their own attitudes, behaviors, concepts and beliefs regarding diversity, racism, and bigotry.
3. Understand the development of and the changing meanings of group identities in the United States' history and culture.
4. Demonstrate communication skills necessary for living and working effectively in a society with great population diversity.

G. Special Information

None