

# Black Studies

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Black studies is the interdisciplinary study of the social, political, economic, and historical experiences of Africans in America and around the world. Black studies focus on systematic racism, white supremacy, and anti-blackness with the ultimate goal of overcoming systems of oppression throughout the world. Black studies also investigates how race/ethnicity intersects with class, gender, and sexuality.

Students take courses to prepare for a Black studies major or to fulfill general education requirements. Career options include teaching at the high school and college level, social work, non-profit work, human services, counseling, law enforcement, legal professions, and business.

## Academic and Career Pathway

Social and Behavioral Sciences

## Contact Information

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## Courses

### **BLST 100: Introduction to Black Studies**

Units: 3

Prerequisites: None

Enrollment Limitation: Not open to students with prior credit in SOC 240 or BLST 240.

Acceptable for Credit: CSU, UC

Lecture 3 hours.

Course Typically Offered: Fall, Spring

This course provides students with an introduction to the principal concepts and methods of Black studies as an interdisciplinary field of study. Topics include the social, political, creative aspects, philosophies, traditions, and economic experiences of Black people in America and throughout the world. Students explore the full scope of the African Diaspora and their experiences and responses to the cultural, economic, political, and social production of "Blackness." Using ethnic studies approaches, this course introduces students to concepts such as race and racism, ethnicity, decolonization, colonialism, segregation, resistance, anti-colonialism, liberation, institutions, politics, and culture. (Formerly BLST 240)