ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY

GENERAL STUDIES PROGRAM COURSE PROPOSAL COVER FORM

Courses submitted to the GSC between 2/1 and 4/30 if approved, will be effective the following Spring.

Courses submitted between 5/1 and 1/31 if approved, will be effective the following Fall.

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DATE March 17, 2011

1. ACADEMIC UNIT: African and African American Studies

2. COURSE PROPOSED: AFS 325 Music as Political Discourse 3
   (prefix) (number) (title) (semester hours)

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4. ELIGIBILITY: New courses must be approved by the Tempe Campus Curriculum Subcommittee and must have a regular course number. For the rules governing approval of omnibus courses, contact the General Studies Program Office at 965-0739.

5. AREA(S) PROPOSED COURSE WILL SERVE. A single course may be proposed for more than one core or awareness area. A course may satisfy a core area requirement and more than one awareness area requirements concurrently, but may not satisfy requirements in two core areas simultaneously, even if approved for those areas. With departmental consent, an approved General Studies course may be counted toward both the General Studies requirement and the major program of study. (Please submit one designation per proposal)

   Core Areas
   - Literacy and Critical Inquiry-L □
   - Mathematical Studies–MA □
   - Humanities, Fine Arts and Design–HU □
   - Social and Behavioral Sciences–SB □
   - Natural Sciences–SQ □

   Awareness Areas
   - Global Awareness–G □
   - Historical Awareness–H □
   - Cultural Diversity in the United States–C □

6. DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED.
   (1) Course Description
   (2) Course Syllabus
   (3) Criteria Checklist for the area
   (4) Table of Contents from the textbook used, if available

7. In the space provided below (or on a separate sheet), please also provide a description of how the course meets the specific criteria in the area for which the course is being proposed.

   CROSS-LISTED COURSES: □ No □ Yes; Please identify courses:

   Is this an unsection course?: □ No □ Yes; Is it governed by a common syllabus?

   Chair/Director
   (Print of Type)
   Date: 3/17/11

   Chair/Director
   (Signature)

Rev. 1/94, 4/95, 7/98, 4/00, 1/02, 10/08
Rationale and Objectives

The importance of the social and behavioral sciences is evident in both the increasing number of scientific inquiries into human behavior and the amount of attention paid to those inquiries. In both private and public sectors people rely on social scientific findings to assess the social consequences of large-scale economic, technological, scientific, and cultural changes.

Social scientists' observations about human behavior and their unique perspectives on human events make an important contribution to civic dialogue. Today, those insights are particularly crucial due to the growing economic and political interdependence among nations.

Courses proposed for General Studies designation in the Social and Behavioral Sciences area must demonstrate emphases on: (1) social scientific theories and principles, (2) the methods used to acquire knowledge about cultural or social events and processes, and (3) the impact of social scientific understanding on the world.
Proposer: Please complete the following section and attach appropriate documentation.

**ASU--[SB] CRITERIA**

A SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE [SB] course should meet all of the following criteria. If not, a rationale for exclusion should be provided.

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<td>Course Syllabus provided. Examples on page 1 with highlighted sections in the course description and learning outcomes</td>
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1. Course is designed to advance basic understanding and knowledge about human interaction.

2. Course content emphasizes the study of social behavior such as that found in:
   - ANTHROPOLOGY
   - ECONOMICS
   - CULTURAL GEOGRAPHY
   - HISTORY
   - Political Science
   - Course Syllabus provided. Examples on page 1 with highlighted sections in the course description and learning outcomes

3. Course emphasizes:
   a. the distinct knowledge base of the social and behavioral sciences (e.g., sociological anthropological). **OR**
   b. the distinct methods of inquiry of the social and behavioral sciences (e.g., ethnography, historical analysis).
   - Course Syllabus provided. Examples on page 1 with highlighted sections in the course description and learning outcomes

4. Course illustrates use of social and behavioral science perspectives and data.
   - Course Syllabus provided. Examples on page 1 with highlighted sections in the course description and learning outcomes
### ASU--[SB] CRITERIA

The following types of courses are excluded from the [SB] area even though they might give some consideration to social and behavioral science concerns:

- Courses with primarily fine arts, humanities, literary, or philosophical content.
- Courses with primarily natural or physical science content.
- Courses with predominantly applied orientation for professional skills or training purposes.
- Courses emphasizing primarily oral, quantitative, or written skills.
### Course Prefix | Number | Title | Designation
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AFS  | 325 | Music as Political Discourse | Social and Behavioral Sciences

Explain in detail which student activities correspond to the specific designation criteria. Please use the following organizer to explain how the criteria are being met.

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<th>Criteria (from checksheet)</th>
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<td>1. Course is designed to advance the basic understanding about human interaction.</td>
<td>1. This course examines the role of popular music in shaping political discourse, expression and behavior in African Diasporan communities, particularly in the Caribbean and the United States.</td>
<td>Page 1 of the syllabus includes specific language in the course description as well as outlined learning outcomes. Both sections are highlighted and marked SB 1</td>
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<td>2. Course content emphasizes the study of social behavior such as that found in: history and political science.</td>
<td>2. This course examines the interrelationship between popular music, historical memory and political expression in the Caribbean and African American communities.</td>
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<td>SB3b. Course emphasizes the distinct methods of inquiry of the social and behavioral sciences (e.g., ethnography, historical analysis).</td>
<td>3b. The course uses popular music as a form of historical analysis of the black experience in the Caribbean and the United States.</td>
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<td>4. Course illustrates use of social behavioral science perspectives and data.</td>
<td>4. This course uses popular music to explain and illustrate the evolution of politics and political culture in the African Diaspora.</td>
<td>Page 1 of the syllabus includes specific language in the course description as well as outlined learning outcomes. Both sections are highlighted and marked SB 4.</td>
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African and African American Studies  
Music as Political Discourse: Reggae, Calypso and Hip Hop  
AFS 325

Instructor: David Hinds  
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Class Time: T/Th 1:40-2:55  
Phone: 965-1597  
Office Hours: M 1:00-3:00 pm  
Th 1:30-3:30 pm

Course Description
This is a reading and writing intensive course that employs critical thought that explores African Diaspora popular music as a medium of social and political expression. It examines the political content of Reggae, Calypso and Hip Hop and their role in triggering and influencing popular discourse in the Caribbean and the USA. In this regard the music will be interrogated for their treatment of the following topics/issues—Black Power; Pan Africanism; Black Nationalism; Caribbean Integration; Anti-Imperialism; Elitism; Political Corruption; Democracy and Authoritarianism; Governance; Poverty; and Racism. Students will acquire an understanding of the social and cultural roots of the music, their historical evolution and their role in shaping popular political rhetoric and action. They will also gain an understanding of the interrelationships among the musical forms and their role in fostering Black and Pan African Cultural Identity, Political Consciousness and World Peace.

Learning Outcomes:
1) Student will be able to think critically about African Diaspora popular music as a medium of social and political expression.
2) Students will understand the social and cultural roots of Diasporan music, the historical evolution and the role it plays in shaping popular political rhetoric and action.
3) Students will be able to discuss the interrelationships among the musical forms and their role in fostering Black and Pan African Cultural Identity, Political Consciousness and World Peace.

Required Readings and other Materials
Course Packet
Other readings for this course can be found in a course packet consisting of several articles, book chapters and interviews. This packet is available at The Alternative Copy Shop—715 S Forest Ave, Tempe. Ph 480) 829-7992

Music and Videos
These can be found on Blackboard in “Course Documents”

Course Requirements
Reflection Papers
Students will do four papers reflecting on the readings, the music and the linkages between the readings and the music. The Professor will provide the prompts for the papers. Each paper is worth 20% of the total grade.
Online Discussion
Students will engage in online discussions of issues related to the course--there will be four topics during the semester. The Professor will introduce the topics for debate on the Discussion Board. **All students are expected to participate and to make at least one contribution per day.** This part of the course accounts for 10% of the final grade and will be graded on frequency and quality of participation.

In Class Discussion
We will be approaching this class as a mini-seminar. As such there will be a lot of discussion and participation by students. Each week a different student will be assigned to lead off the discussion based on the readings/videos/songs for that week. This part of the course is worth 10% of the total grade.

Grading Scale
A: 90-100 %
B: 80-89 %
C: 70-79 %
D: 60-69 %
E: Below 60 %

**ACADEMIC DISHONESTY!**
In the “Student Academic Integrity Policy” manual, ASU defines “Plagiarism” [as] using another’s words, ideas, materials or work without properly acknowledging and documenting the source. Students are responsible for knowing the rules governing the use of another’s work or materials and for acknowledging and documenting the source appropriately.” You can find this definition at: [http://provost.asu.edu/academicintegrity](http://provost.asu.edu/academicintegrity)

Academic dishonesty, including inappropriate collaboration, will not be tolerated. There are severe sanctions for cheating, plagiarizing and any other form of dishonesty.

Disability Accommodations: Qualified students with disabilities who will require disability accommodations in this class are encouraged to make their requests to me at the beginning of the semester either during office hours or by appointment. Note: Prior to receiving disability accommodations, verification of eligibility from the Disability Resource Center (DRC) is required. Disability information is confidential.

Establishing Eligibility for Disability Accommodations: Students who feel they will need disability accommodations in this class but have not registered with the Disability Resource Center (DRC) should contact DRC immediately. Their office is located on the first floor of the Matthews Center Building. DRC staff can also be reached at: 480-965-1234 (V), 480-965-9000 (TTY). For additional information, visit: [www.asu.edu/studentaffairs/ed/drc](http://www.asu.edu/studentaffairs/ed/drc). Their hours are 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday.
Schedule of Readings/Videos/Songs

Part 1—Introduction
Week 1
Walter Rodney “Black History and Culture”
Rex Nettleford “Caribbean Cultural Identity”

Week 2
Kristal Brent Zook “Reconstructions of Nationalist Thought in Black Music/Culture”
Hinds Chapters 1, 3 & 4

Part 2—Reggae
Week 3—Reggae and Party Politics
Hinds Chapter 5, 6 & 7

Week 4—The Origins of Reggae
Video: CaribNation—Reggae Discussion

Week 5—Rastafarians and Reggae
Horace Campbell “Rasta Reggae and Cultural Resistance”
Video: Reggae Video
Songs: Mutaburuka, Lucky Dube

Paper 1

Week 6---Reggae Rhetoric
Lloyd Bradley “Trench Town Rock”
Songs: Jimmy Cliff, Bob Marley

Part 3--Calypso
Week 7—The Nature and Origins of Calypso
Gordon Rohlehr “Roots and Traditions”
Hinds Chapter 8

Week 8—The Political Calypso Part 1
Peter Mason, “Kaiso”

Paper 2

Week 9—The Political Calypso Part 2
Hinds Chapter 9
Winthrop Holder “Nothing Eh Strange: Black Stalin Speaks”
Songs: Black Stalin, Sparrow
Week 10-- The Political Calypso Part 3
Hinds Chapters 2 & 11
Songs Short Shirt
Video: David Rudder in Concert

Week 11—Calypso Voices
Hinds Chapters 4 & 10
Songs: Chalkdust, Singing Sandra, Gypsy

Part 4—Hip Hop
Week 12—Origins of Hip Hop
Tricia Rose “Fear of a Black Planet”
Hip Hop Songs

Paper 3

Week 13—Hip Hop and Political Activism Part 1
Hip Hop Songs

Week 14—Hip Hop and Political Activism Part 2
Clarence Lusane “Rap Race and Politics”
Hip Hop Songs

Week 15—Hip Hop and Political Activism Part 3
Todd Boyd “Check Yo Self Before You Wreck Yourself”
Michael Eric Dyson “Give me a Paper and a Pen”
Songs Tupac

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