

<p>Course Name Introduction to Black Studies and Liberation</p> <p>Contact Hours Classes: Wednesdays 8:30-11:30 am Office Hours: Tuesday 2:00 to 3:00 pm or by appointment</p>	<p>Course Instructor Dr Vanessa E. Thompson Email: vt25@queensu.ca</p>
<p>Course Description This course introduces students to black studies as a project of liberation. In the course, we will discuss key theories and concepts of black liberation and will engage with historical as well as present black freedom struggles across various global and local contexts. Engaging with the creative and transformative struggles and worldmaking projects of black people globally, the course explores key theories and frameworks (analysis of racial capitalism, black radical tradition, anti-colonialism, black feminism, black and abolition geography) and themes such as migration, state (police, prison, borders) and ecological violence, labor and reproduction. Focussing on resistance and creation, black social movements as well as multi-racial coalitions and solidarities, the course engages with black studies as a universal project of liberation.</p>	<p>Required Course Materials All readings and course materials are available through the library's e-reserve.</p>
<p>Course Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe and understand key theories in the area of black studies • Interpret and understand the complexities of black liberation theories and movements, their localities and connections, and what they have to offer to global and universal liberation • Critically analyze, explain and discuss the connection between capitalism, racism, gender relations and related modes of oppression • Assemble critical and creative tools, interdisciplinary and collaborative methodological skills in the field of black studies • Apply theories, analyses and insights to contemporary events and conjunctures • Develop and practice skills in undergraduate level writing, seminar participation and facilitation, large and small group discussions, and designing and carrying out an independent collaborative research project 	<p>Course Evaluation</p> <p>Participation 20% Reading Commentaries and peer-discussion 30% Content Quizzes 15% Collaborative Research Proposal 5% Collaborative Research Projects 30%</p>
<p>Topics in Course Outline</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black revolution and liberation, anti-colonial theories and movements, racial capitalism, abolition democracy, black and abolition geography, black feminism, Black Atlantic, Black Pacific, Black Indian Ocean and Black Mediterranean, state and ecological violence, reproductive justice, transformative justice, black social movements, multi-racial and intersectional coalitions and solidarities 	