

UC Berkeley Summer Sessions

Student Orientation Guide

AAS 111

Race, Class, & Gender in the United States
June 19-August 11, 2017

Summer Session Online Tutorials

The following are helpful Canvas tutorials to prepare you for your online class:

- [Introduction to Your Online Classroom](#)
- [Setting Up Your Notification Preferences](#)
- [Update Your Personal Setting and Profile Picture](#)
- [How to Use Announcements, Discussions and Conversations to Communicate in Your Course](#)
- [How to Check Your Grade](#)

Expected Student Workload

The estimated workload for this course is **5-10 hours per week**. In order to be successful in the course, you need to allocate at least this much time per week, if not more.

Preparing for Your Course

Textbooks/Course Materials

- The Cultural Matrix. Understanding Black Youth. Orlando Patterson with Ethan Fosse 2015.
- The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness; Alexander, Michelle, 2010
- Between Good and Ghetto: African-American Girls and Inner-City Violence; Nikki Jones, 2010
- 20 Questions and Answers about Reparations for Colonialism, Sandew Hira, Amrit Publishers, 2014
- A series of Online readings in .PDF format

Computer Requirements

- Internet
 - Along with compatibility and web standards, Canvas has been carefully crafted to accommodate low bandwidth environments
 - Minimum of 512kbps download
- Operating System
 - Windows 7 and newer (users on Windows 10 need to download the [Windows 10 Anniversary Update](#) to submit Canvas assignments)
 - Mac OSX 10.6 and newer
 - Linux – chromeOS

- Computer Speed and Processor
 - Use a computer five years old or newer when possible
 - 1 GB of RAM
 - 2GHz processor
- Screen Size
 - A minimum of 800x600 – (Average size of a netbook)
- If you want to use a device with a smaller screen it is recommended to use the Canvas [mobile app](#).
- Screen Readers (only needed for students who are blind, visually impaired or have a learning disability)
 - Macintosh: [VoiceOver](#) (latest version for Safari)
 - PC: [JAWS](#) (latest version for Internet Explorer)
 - PC: [NVDA](#) (latest version for Firefox)
 - There is NO screen reader support for Canvas in Chrome

Course Log-on

- Classroom – bcourses.berkeley.edu
 - You will need to authenticate and login with your CalNet ID and passphrase
 - If you don't already have your CalNet ID contact CalNet directly
 - calnet@berkeley.edu or 510-642-4126
- [Personalize your settings](#) (only takes a minute)
 - Click “Account” on the global navigation menu on the left
 - Customize your settings (click on “notifications”) and add your profile picture (click on profile)
- [Setting up your notification preferences](#) (you can choose to receive course communication through a personal email account or mobile device)
 - We recommend setting your preference for receiving Announcements to ASAP (via text or email) in case we need to contact you on short notice
- Tech Support
 - In your course, click on the “Help” button on the bottom left of the global navigation menu

Access to Your Course

- You will be able to access the Orientation Module one week prior to the official start date
- Read and accept the UC Berkeley Academic Integrity Pledge
- Module 1 will open on the first day of class

PLEASE NOTE: You will NOT be able to launch Module 1 on the first day of class until you read and accept the UC Berkeley Academic Integrity Pledge.

Learning Activities

- Read the assigned textbook pages
- Watch the video lecture presentations
- Interact with the GSI and professor
- Post short essays to the discussion forums
- Complete quizzes, midterm, and final exam

Students with Disabilities

If you are requiring course accommodations due to a physical, emotional, or learning disability contact the [UC Berkeley's Disabled Students' Program \(DSP\)](#).

1. Have your Disabled Student Program Specialist send the instructor a formal request **BEFORE** the first day of class by email
2. In addition, notify the instructor through course email and your Online Learning Support Specialist, which accommodations you would like to use.
 - a. Online Learning Support Specialist
 - i. Tracie Allen, email: summer_online_support@berkeley.edu

Final Exam

- Your final exam will be available in an on-campus setting on **August 10, 2017 from 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. PT** at TBD for those who are in Berkeley.
- If you cannot attend on-campus you must secure a proctor at an approved proctoring site. Find out how to do this by reviewing the [Steps to Secure a Proctor for Your Course](#). Fill out the [Summer Session Proctor Application](#). The application must be submitted by **July 14, 2017** or you will be expected to be back on campus for the final.

Have Questions?

Email summer_online_support@berkeley.edu.