

UC Berkeley Summer Sessions Student Orientation Guide

AFRICAM W111

Race, Class, & Gender in the United States

June 22 -August 14, 2020

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 on Black Europe, Stephen Small, Amrit Publishers, 2018
- A series of Online readings in .PDF format

Computer Requirements

- Internet
 - Canvas has been carefully crafted to accommodate low bandwidth environments
 - Minimum of 512kbps
- Operating System
 - Windows 7 and newer
 - Mac OSX 10.6 and newer
 - Linux – chromeOS
- Mobile Operating System Native App Support
 - iOS 7 and newer (versions vary by device)
 - Android 4.2 and newer
- Computer Speed and Processor
 - Use a computer five years old or newer when possible
 - 1 GB of RAM
 - 2 GHz 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)
- [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 \(DSP\)](#).
- Notify the instructor and GSI through course email and inform them which accommodations you would like to use.

Final Exam

- Do not sign up for this course unless you are available to sit the final exam. No exceptions.

- Your final exam will be available in an on-campus setting on **Thursday, August 13, 2020 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](#).
 - The deadline to turn in a [Proctor Application](#) is **July 17, 2020**.
 - If it isn't turned in by the deadline you will be expected to be back on campus for the final.

Have Questions?

Email summer_online_support@berkeley.edu