UC Berkeley Summer Sessions
Student Orientation Guide
AAS 111
Race, Class, & Gender in the United States
June 18-August 10, 2018

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
  - Along with compatibility and web standards, Canvas has been carefully crafted to accommodate low bandwidth environments
  - Minimum of 512kbps
- 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
- 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
  - 2GHz processor
- Screen Size
  - A minimum of 800x600 – (Average size of a netbook)

- o 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)
  - o Macintosh: VoiceOver (latest version for Safari)
  - o PC: JAWS (latest version for Internet Explorer)
  - o PC: NVDA (latest version for Firefox)
  - o There is NO screen reader support for Canvas in Chrome

Course Log-on
- Classroom – bcourses.berkeley.edu
  - o You will need to authenticate and login with your CalNet ID and passphrase
  - o 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)
  - o 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
  - o 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

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Final Exam

- Your final exam will be available in an on-campus setting on **August 9, 2018 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 Proctor Application Two. The application must be submitted by **July 13, 2018** or you will be expected to be back on campus for the final.

Have Questions?

Email summer_online_support@berkeley.edu.