1. CATALOG DESCRIPTION
   A. Political Science 3703
   B. African American Politics
   C. (3-0-3)
   D. S-even-numbered-years
   E. AF AMER POLITICS
   F. Course Description: This course analyzes African American political activity and it provides an overview of the roles and processes by which African Americans have engaged the political system. This course will also study the role of political parties, elections, and social movements in the development of African American political activity
   G. Prerequisites: PLS 1153G or permission of the instructor.
   H. Spring 2007

2. STUDENT LEARNING OBJECTIVES AND EVALUATION
   A. Students enrolled in this course will:
     • Develop an understanding of the historical developments critical to the evolution of African American Politics
     • Analyze African American Political Activity
     • Develop critical thinking and writing skills
     • Demonstrate knowledge of African Americans in the American Political system
   B. Evaluation of Student performance in the course will be based on:
     • First Exam 20%
     • Second Exam 20%
     • Final Exam 30%
     • Book Review 30%

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C. Not Technology Delivered
D. Not a Graduate Level Course

E. This course will be Writing Active; Exams will include essay questions and each student will be required to complete a Book Review on an essential work of African American Politics.

3. Outline of the Course:
A. This course will meet 45 times during the semester (3 times a week). The outline of course topics is as follows:

Week 1: Introduction
Africans in America

Week 2: American Politics and African Americans
The Constitution, Slavery, and the Question of Black Freedom

Weeks 3 & 4: Reconstruction and the Birth of Black Political Participation
The Civil War, African American Electoral Activity and the Rise of Jim Crow

Exam 1

Weeks 5 & 6: Political Behavior and Racial Politics
African American Political Culture, Socialization, Media and Public Opinion as a Foundation of Interest Articulation

Weeks 7 & 8: Political Institutions and Racial Politics Part 1
Representing Race: Legislative Politics and Electoral Behavior; Equal Treatment under the Law: Bureaucracy and Racial Politics, Political Parties and Interest Groups

Weeks 9 & 10: Political Institutions and Racial Politics Part 2
Responding to a Racial Agenda: Presidential Politics; Adjudication and Race: Judicial Politics

Exam 2
Weeks 11, 12, & 13: African American Strategies for Agenda Setting and Racial Representation

Racial Mobilization: The Civil Rights Movement, Electoral Politics and the Emergence of Black Power
Week 14: Contemporary Issues in African American Politics

Urban Government, Reparations, and the Agenda for 21st Century Black America

Week 15: Summary and Review

Final Exam and Papers Due

B. Not Technology Delivered

4. RATIONALE

A. This course will expand the department’s offerings in American Politics by offering students the opportunity to explore the background and legacy of one of the nation’s most vital communities. This course can also supplement courses in political behavior and political institutions by exploring the links between race and political activity across a broad spectrum of American life.

B. The new course would be appropriate for junior and senior majors and non-majors. Prerequisites: PLS 1153G or permission of the instructor. This course requires a foundation in American Government and knowledge of the Institutions, Practices, and Policies of American Politics, and thus PLS 1153G will be helpful to the potential student. This course will be listed as a 3000 level course because it will utilize advanced theories and concepts to explore the evolving role of African Americans in the American Political System, and therefore upper class standing will be essential for comprehending the subject matter.

C. This course will explore and analyze the legal and political impact of race from a political science perspective. Although other university departments offer courses that cover some aspects of African American political life, Political Science 3703 is not similar to any existing course.

D. This course allows political science majors to complete their requirements in the American Political Behavior area and serves as an upper level elective for both the political science major and minor.

5. IMPLEMENTATION

A. Initially the course will be assigned to Dr. Kevin Anderson. Other qualified faculty may be assigned to teach the course in the future.

B. No additional cost will be incurred by the students

6. COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER
   A community college course will not be judged equivalent to this course but may be accepted as a substitute; however, upper-division credit will not be awarded.

7. DATE APPROVED BY DEPARTMENT OR SCHOOL October 19, 2005

8. DATE APPROVED BY COLLEGE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE November 11, 2005

9. DATE APPROVED BY CAA January 12, 2006