

Civil Rights Movement

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Course description:

This course explores the Civil Rights Movement in the United States during the 20th century. The U.S. Civil Rights Movement was a fight for human rights that directly challenged the nation to extend its protected democratic principles and citizenship rights to African Americans. We will analyze the daily local and national organizing efforts that created and maintained this struggle for full enfranchisement.

Through a diverse array of materials, we will examine the movement's origins, along with the key issues, strategies, organizations, and activists of the time. Students will study both secondary and primary sources, including historical monographs, biographies, speeches, and documents from Civil Rights Movement organizations. As a class, we will also examine legal and extralegal violence against Blacks and the various ways in which they responded.

To supplement the readings, we will view documentary films that offer visual insight into the period and an alternative interpretive perspective on understanding the movement.

Academic honesty/integrity statement:

Students are expected to maintain the highest standards of academic integrity. All work submitted must be original and properly cited. Plagiarism, cheating, or any form of academic dishonesty will result in immediate consequences as outlined in the university's academic integrity policy.

Core IMPACTS statement(s) (if applicable):

This is a Core IMPACTS course that is part of the Social Sciences area.

Core IMPACTS refers to the core curriculum, which provides students with essential knowledge in foundational academic areas. This course will help master the course content and support their broad academic and career goals.

This course should direct students toward a broad Orienting Question:

- How do I understand human experiences and connections?

Completion of this course should enable students to meet the following Learning Outcome:

- Students will effectively analyze the complexity of human behavior, and how historical, economic, political, social or geographic relationships develop, persist or change.

Course content, activities, and exercises in this course should help students develop the following Career-Ready Competencies:

- Intercultural Competence
- Perspective-Taking
- Persuasion