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INTRO TO CARIBBEAN STUDIES
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About This Course

The Caribbean – Crossroads of the World – is more than a tropical region filled with palm trees, exotic people and resorts. In this course, you will explore the history of the Caribbean, its demography, socio-cultural productions (music/film/food/religion), and its intellectual tradition. Together, we will reflect on major issues including colonialism, slavery and sugarcane; economic intra and interdependence; regional, national and ethnic identity; and independence. We will also connect the events of the past to current events to help explain the political, social and economic status of the countries of the Caribbean and their relationship to and with the Americas, Europe, Asia and the Middle East.

Course Outcome Goals

1. Evaluate the relevance of major actors, events and ideas that have shaped Caribbean history
2. Differentiate Caribbean nations on a map according to location, colonial heritage, language and ethnicity
3. Assess the impact of colonialism, globalization and neocolonialism on the Caribbean's socio-economic and political status
4. Examine the strategies employed by indigenous and Caribbean people to undermine social, economic and political oppression
5. Analyze interdisciplinary scholarship through a lens of assessing Caribbean politics
6. Improve writing skills through analytical and reflective essays

For the Department of African American and African Studies Mission Statement, see <http://ncas.rutgers.edu/mission-statement>

Prerequisites: There are no prerequisites for this course.



Required Texts

All books are available from the Rutgers campus bookstores.

1. Camille Hernandez-Ramdwar. 2014. Introduction to the Caribbean, Diversity Challenges, Resiliency, Second Edition. (Kendall Hunt)
ISBN: 978-1-4652-9983-3
This is an E-book only. Use the attached link to purchase the e-book.
<https://he.kendallhunt.com/product/introduction-caribbean-diversity-challenges-resiliency>
2. Jamaica Kincaid, A Small Place (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2000)
ISBN: 978-0374527075
3. Frantz Fanon. Black Skin, White Masks. Grove Press.
ISBN: 978-0802143006

Course Delivery

This is a **fully online course** with online activities, assignments, and lectures. We will cover 14 weeks of a regular course within six weeks and upon successful completion of the course, you will receive the same three credits. Your engagement with the course is critical. I am able to monitor your activities on the course Web page as Blackboard creates an electronic record of each student's participation.

Videos and Web sites

Any required films and videos will be available on Blackboard. There is no additional charge to view any films contained in the Rutgers Libraries.

Grading

1. Article Submissions.....20%

You will need to submit two article analyses that focus on a contemporary issue in the Caribbean during weeks one and four.

2. Group Work.....20%

There will be a group country presentation

Your group will choose a country from the region and prepare a presentation. The presentation should be no more than 15 minutes in length. This is your opportunity to become a Caribbean country expert.



- 3. Critical Response Videos.....20%**
You will need to submit two response videos, during week two and week five, about the readings. You will also need to provide substantive comments on two of your classmates' videos.
- 4. Midterm.....20%**
There will be a midterm exam, during the third week of the semester, with a mix of 25 question types
- 5. Final.....20%**
There will be a final exam, at the end of the six weeks, with a mix of 25 question types

Late Submission Policy

Late assignments will lose FIVE points per day until submitted.

Grading Scale

- 90 to 100+ = A
- 85 to 89.9 = B+
- 80 to 84.9 = B
- 75 to 79.9 = C+
- 70 to 74.9 = C
- 60 to 69.9 = D
- 0 to 59.9 = F

Communication Policy

You are responsible for reading all of my posted announcements. You should log into our course site daily to check for new announcements. Please contact me via email at hyacinth.miller@rutgers.edu. I will usually respond to email messages within 24 to 48 hours (except for weekends).

When posting to our discussion board or communicating with others, please:

- Be courteous and respectful of other points of view
- Avoid using slang and abbreviations, which can be misinterpreted
- Do not capitalize all letters because this suggests shouting
- Think and proofread before you submit

When sending me an email, please be sure to address the email as Dear Professor Miller, Dear Ms. Miller or Dear Professor. I WILL NOT RESPOND TO EMAIL MESSAGES THAT BEGIN WITH "Hey", "Yo", or NO GREETING AT ALL.

RU Web mail is the official email address used by the course software. If you prefer to have your webmail forwarded to a personal email address, you can link it to your RU Web mail. Select this link <https://my.rutgers.edu/portal/help/faqs.html#3.4.6> scroll down and then select “How do I forward my email to another account”

Course Content:

Section 1. Indigenous Peoples, Colonization and Slavery

Section 2. Emancipation, Decolonization and Independence

Section 3. Caribbean Political Movements

Section 4. Globalization, Migration and the Caribbean Diaspora



Please view and refer to the expanded Course Schedule in Blackboard for specifics on each unit

Required technological skills

Ability to use Blackboard and Kaltura

Technical Problems

If there is a technical glitch on Blackboard, e-mail the assignment to me at hyacinth.miller@rutgers.edu, BEFORE the deadline.

In the online environment, there is always a possibility of technical issues (e.g., lost connection, hardware or software failure). Many of these can be resolved relatively quickly, but if you wait until the last minute to do/submit an assignment, the chances of these glitches affecting your success increase. Please plan appropriately. If a problem occurs, it is essential you take immediate action to resolve the problem.

Direct technical questions to the Student Help Desk at: help@newark.rutgers.edu. You can also call them at 973-353-5083, or drop-in, Hill Hall 109. This link directs you to the Newark Computing Services Web site <http://ncs.newark.rutgers.edu/hd>

Required equipment

Computer, internet access, webcam with microphone OR headphones with microphone; software that can save a file in the format of Microsoft Word

Academic Integrity

Students at Rutgers University are expected to maintain the highest ethical standards. The consequences of academic dishonesty, including cheating and plagiarism, are very serious. Rutgers' academic integrity policy is at academicintegrity.rutgers.edu. When you submit an exam or assignment, you need to abide by the honor pledge of "On my honor, I have neither received nor given any unauthorized assistance on this examination (assignment)."

Grading Response Time

I will grade assignments within two weeks of the due date. Lengthy assignments may take longer to grade.

Time Commitment

This course includes considerable time spent doing readings, assignments and other work toward course mastery. To be successful in this course, guidelines estimate that you will need to spend at least seven to ten hours of coursework per week.

✚ Watching Instructor Video Lectures and other Multimedia:	up to 2 hours
✚ Reading Assignments:	up to 3 hours
✚ Various Weekly Assignments:	up to 3 hours
✚ Composition of Discussion Post and Reply to Peers:	up to 2 hours

Depending on your individual backgrounds and schedules, some Units may require more time, some less.

This course has a schedule with deadlines. This course is NOT self-paced. Do not try to 'save-up' all course work to the last day of each unit. Doing work every day works best.

Dropping or Withdrawing from the Course

In order to drop or withdraw from this course, it is not sufficient to stop posting assignments or contributing to discussion. **You must do so formally through the Registrar's office.** It is your responsibility to complete all forms, and if you do not do so, I must assign a grade of F at the end of the semester. Please see the attached Registrar link for applicable deadlines <http://registrar.newark.rutgers.edu/office-registrar-fall-academic-calendar#drop-w>

Serving Students

Office of Disability Services

In order to receive consideration for reasonable accommodations, a student with a disability must contact the appropriate disability services office at the campus where you are officially enrolled, participate in an intake interview, and provide documentation: <https://ods.rutgers.edu/students/documentation-guidelines>.

To begin this process, please complete the Registration form on the ODS web site: <https://ods.rutgers.edu/students/registration-form>. For more information, please contact Kate Torres at (973) 353-5375 or in the Office of Disability Services in the Paul Robeson Campus Center, in suite 219 or by contacting odsnewark@rutgers.edu

Office for Violence Prevention and Victim Assistance

The Office of Violence Prevention and Victim Assistance offers counseling and advocacy services, educational programming, and training, consultation and policy development services to all members of the University community. Our programs and services are designed to promote ways of coping with the effects of interpersonal violence and to prevent such violence from occurring. <http://vpva.rutgers.edu/need-help/>

Office of Student Life LGBTQ Resource Program

The Office of Student Life LGBTQ Resource Program seeks to create a safe and affirming environment for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and ally students, faculty and staff at Rutgers University-Newark. Read more about our program's main point for focus, here.

Veteran and Military Programs and Services

Rutgers University welcomes current and prospective students who are veterans and Reservists. We want to help make your transition to college life as smooth as possible and your college experience rewarding and productive. Resources for Student Veterans can be found here <http://www.newark.rutgers.edu/resources-student-veterans>

Mental Health Wellness

If you experience mental or other difficulties, please feel free to contact one of the university's psychological and counseling centers. The centers offer a variety of free, confidential services to part-time and full-time students enrolled at Rutgers. <http://counseling.newark.rutgers.edu/>

Rutgers Legal Services

One of the goals of the Office of Student Legal Services at Rutgers University is to provide legal assistance and representation to eligible university students.

The Writing Center

We will work together on improving your writing, but if you should wish, you may also contact the Writing Center, which offers writing tutoring and workshops to all undergraduate students currently enrolled in classes on the Rutgers, Newark campus. It is located in Conklin 126; phone 973-353-5847.

Rutgers University Libraries

Assistance with library resources is available through phone, email and chat. Please review the Introduction to Rutgers Libraries Library Guide.