

## **African American History from Reconstruction to the Present**

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**Course type:** online course – 18 hours – 5 ECTS

**Language of instruction:** English

**Course description and objectives:**

In the wake of the recent deaths of George Floyd and other African American citizens, the Black Lives Matter movement, initiated in 2013, has gained international coverage. This course will help you understand how the movement came about by looking back at the Black American struggle for equal rights. Topics covered will include the Reconstruction era after the Civil War, Jim Crow laws, civil rights organizations, the Civil Rights Movement (1954 to 1968) and ensuing legislation, the history of incarceration, voting rights and other aspects of systemic racism in the USA.

**Teacher:**

This course will be taught by a native English speaker, specialized in the Civil Rights Movement. Michèle Balouka has studied and taught in both American and French universities.

**Online teaching method:**

This online course is designed to be interactive. The learning management system Moodle will be used. Mandatory readings and videos to watch will be published on Moodle. Each week different students will be asked to give presentations on topics announced during the first class. Class discussion and input from the professor will follow.

**Assessment:**

Students will be asked to give a presentation during the semester, participate in forums on Moodle and take an exam during the last online class.

**Meeting times and place:**

Monday 14:30 – 16:00 on Zoom

Classes will begin on Monday, March 10, 2025.

The last class will be held on Monday, May 19, 2025.