

**This Fall, Join the Program
that Everyone is Talking About!**

CYPRESS COLLEGE



LEGACY PROGRAM

Celebrating the Black Experience

**Learn about African American Culture with a
group of friends whom you share classes with**

**Go to Plays and Movies and Visit Museums
and University Campuses--All Events are Sponsored by
the Program!**

**Learn and Write about Literature, Music,
Entertainment, Politics, Sports and History**

Complete up to 15 transferable units!

To join, enroll in the English class that applies to you as well as the corresponding "linked" course.

English 60
T/Th 9:30-11:20
CRN #12592

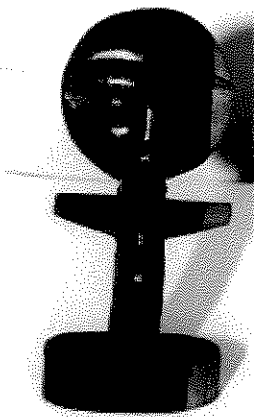
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Counseling 150
T/Th 1:00-3:50
CRN #13661

English 104
T/TH 1:30-3:20
CRN #13754

&

Ethnic Studies 130
T/Th 11:00-12:25
CRN #11678

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Black Studies Learning Community

What is the Black Studies Learning Community?

The Black Studies Learning Community at Cypress College was founded in 2000 by Kimberly Beatty, the Learning Communities Coordinator, through a state grant that she authored. The mission of the Program is to promote academic success and transfer through collaborative and interactive activities drawn from the Black experience. The learning community is designed to expose students to African-American culture, study together with a cohort, a group of students who take classes together and make learning fun.

Project Goals

Increase the development of basic skills; encourage successful course completion; Increase transfer rates; Create a forum to discuss topics that affect the Black Community; Instill a sense of belonging and self-esteem.

How does it work?

There are four major components working together to prepare the Black Studies students for academic excellence as they transfer to four year colleges and universities.

English Component- Black Studies Learning Community students take two consecutive writing classes English 60 and English 100 with the same instructor. These classes work to improve student's basic written language skills and enhance their research methods. Students develop and build confidence in their writing skills as they explore African-American literature.

Tutoring Component- Tutoring is available for all Black Studies Learning Community students. A tutor attends all English classes along with the students knowing exactly what was covered in class. Scheduled times before and after classes are available for one-on-one tutoring sessions as needed.

Counseling Component- A counselor is available to students during each semester. Students are encouraged to work closely with a counselor to explore career options, develop an academic educational plan, identify lifetime goals, and discuss personal concerns. Counseling 150-Academic and Life Success is linked with English 60 during each fall semester.

Cultural Enrichment/Special Activities- Black Studies students have an opportunity to participate in a variety of cultural activities to local museums, theaters, and historical landmarks, so that students are exposed to as many cultural and social events as possible. Various special activities such as Family and Friends Annual Dinner, Kwanzaa Karamu, Awards Banquet and Graduation

What do I need to be a Black Studies Learning Community student?

Any student who is qualified to take English 60 (according to the Cypress College English placement test) during the fall semester and who is willing to take the other classes that are part of the Learning Community listed below.

Fall Semester

English 60
Counseling 150
Library 100

Spring Semester

English 100
Ethnic Studies 129
Speech 100

Fall (2nd Year)

English 102
Ethnic Studies 130

Prospective students must be willing to make a commitment to support and attend other additional activities and events sponsored by the program. Prospective students should also have an interest in learning about the African-American culture as the class material and literature draws heavily from those sources.

What are the benefits?

The Black Studies Learning Community is a great asset for students planning to transfer to four year colleges and universities. The program assist students with the skills and information needed for academic excellence: academic planning, writing skills, career and personal counseling, study skills and financial aid information. Students have an opportunity to experience a multicultural curriculum.

How do I learn more about the program?

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