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Eastern Washington University is committed to equality of opportunities and the delivery of quality education and service to our diverse student body. Eastern's Black Education Program contributes to this tradition through the comprehensive and systematic support services it provides for all Black students at Eastern. I invite you to become acquainted with Eastern and the special services of the Black Education Program.

Dr. B. Dell Felder
President
Eastern Washington University -
Be Part of a University

Eastern Washington University can make your dreams of success a reality. Reliably and affordably, we have provided quality education for more than 100 years. Our institution provides solid liberal arts courses and a broad spectrum of academic programs reflecting the vitality and diversity of our region and the nation. Other programs and services at Eastern expand your opportunities for civic and social growth.

Eastern provides wide-ranging programs to meet the needs of Blacks and other minorities, while enhancing the overall cultural diversity on campus. Our educational facilities and resources support these programs, and a wide variety of student services, cultural activities and leadership opportunities encourage total student development.

Eastern's park-like main campus is 17 miles from Spokane in the town of Cheney. Spreading out over 350 acres, it provides a rural setting ideal for learning. The campus provides libraries, classrooms, laboratories and fine arts facilities.

In contrast, the Spokane Center is located in the heart of the city's business and professional community. The Center offers upper division and graduate courses during both day and evening hours. Opportunities abound for civic and cultural involvement. Spokane's Black community works with the Black Education Program throughout the year to provide various cultural events in this area.

Students come from more than 40 different states and 40 countries. More than 100 majors are available for undergraduate and graduate study, with nine different master's degrees in 24 areas of instruction. An innovative faculty and low student-faculty ratio ensure individual personalized instruction not always available at larger institutions.
The Black Education Program
- Who We Are

The Black Education Program (BEP) is a student service and support center. We manage recruiting, admission and retention services for Black students, and present the Black studies curriculum for all students.

We provide one-on-one tutorial programs, plus academic and personal counseling services. We also offer advice on financial aid and put on cultural programs for Black students. Our services ensure a hospitable, supportive environment for Black students while encouraging their personal growth and academic success.

The BEP is an institutional member of the National Council for Black Studies.

Recruitment and Admissions Services

The BEP actively assists Eastern’s admissions office in recruiting and admitting Black students to the university. Black students who select Eastern are assisted at every stage of the admissions process, including application for financial aid. We also keep students fully informed about scholarships, grants, loans and work-study programs.

Students with grade-point averages (GPA) of at least 2.5 should complete the Uniform Undergraduate Application and submit it to their counselor or principal, who will complete the form and forward it to us along with an official student transcript. Students transferring from community colleges and four-year institutions should have a GPA of at least 2.0.

Students with GPAs below the requirements should notify the BEP office and our staff will help them provide additional information required by the admissions office. In some cases of financial difficulty, the BEP office can work with the admissions office to defer or waive the admissions fee.
Counseling Services for Black Students

The BEP counseling service provides academic, personal and career counseling. Our professionally trained Black counselor is sensitive to the concerns Blacks may have about a predominantly white school.

BEP advisers aid students with course selections, steering them towards required courses and away from those that are not required and might slow their progress toward a degree. New incoming Black students are especially encouraged to contact the BEP counselor before registering for classes.

Our counseling service is in addition to general university services, offering a more continuous relationship between student and program. The BEP Counseling Office maintains excellent communications with the Office of General Advising, academic program areas, and Eastern's student employment and placement offices. This helps us keep on top of academic requirements, financial aid and job opportunities.

Tutorial Program

The BEP provides tutorial services in most academic areas for Black students at Eastern. Our tutorial specialists include graduate students with previous teaching and tutoring experience, and undergraduate students recommended by their department chairs.

Directed by the BEP counselor, the coordinator of tutorial services offers training sessions for our tutors. These are designed to develop a greater knowledge of skills and tutoring methods and to foster a better understanding of the learning styles and attitudes of Black students.

A tutor's chief responsibility is to assist Black students having difficulties in their academic courses. But students completing average work or better who want to improve their skills can also seek tutorial assistance.
The Black Student Union

The BSU is a student organization working closely with the BEP to provide a variety of academic and socio-cultural events on the campus and in the Spokane community. Special events commemorate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr's birthday in January, Black History Month in February and Black Awareness Week in May.

The BEP and the BSU also sponsor year-round public activities providing educational and cultural enlightenment on the history, the arts, literature and the entire cultural heritage of Black people. Activities have included dramatic productions, gospel concerts, the hosting of foreign visitors and fund-raising activities.

The BSU has its own budget and office. Programs provide continuities in Black lifestyle while working to incorporate Black students into the mainstream culture.

The leadership experiences of former BSU officers have served to reinforce their academic degrees and help them gain professional positions in their areas of interest.

BEP Scholarships and Internships

The Black Education Program awards a number of scholarships and intern positions for Blacks enrolled at Eastern. The awards are in addition to other university-wide scholarships open to all students. Competitive awards include:

- Two Presidential Scholarships - worth $1,700 each per annum and reserved for entering freshmen with financial need and potential for academic success.
- One BEP Minnie Wittenbach Memorial Scholarship - a one-year award of $1,000 given to a Black student majoring or working toward a major in any health sciences program.
- Two BEP Internships - designed for highly motivated Black students (freshmen through senior) working in the BEP office as peer counselors, recruiters, BSU organizers or research assistants. The internship covers tuition for each quarter the recipient remains in the program.
- Marjorie Boyd Wellington Academic Excellence Award - established in honor of Eastern's first Black graduate and as an incentive for Black students to excel. The award carries a ($500 - $1,000) stipend and a plaque awarded annually to the Black student with the highest GPA.
Black Studies

The BEP offers a Black Studies curriculum as part of Eastern's liberal arts program and cultural diversity requirements for the BA/BS degree.

Black Studies courses provide understanding and appreciation of the universal Black experience today and throughout history.

Three major Black Studies courses have been approved as general university requirements (CUR) and as courses satisfying cultural diversity requirements. The three (listed on the following page) are cross-listed with the humanities and history departments respectively.

Black Studies courses provide understanding and appreciation of the Afrocentric world view and give all students the opportunity to evaluate the influence of Black culture on the entire human civilization.

We encourage all Eastern students to take Black Studies courses to fulfill general university and cultural diversity requirements.

Black Studies Minor

Students taking a minimum 20 credit hours (four classes) in Black Studies are qualified to declare a minor in Black Studies. We advise students, however, to consult the BEP counselor or director on their selection of courses for this minor.
Black Studies Curriculum

214 – Introduction to Black Culture, 5 credit hours. (Cross-listed HUM 214)
An interdisciplinary survey of Black culture beginning with ancient African history and traditions through contemporary issues in the African American experience. Attention is given to basic principles of history, sociology, political science, economics and the arts in a study of the dynamics of Black culture. (GUR/Cultural Diversity)

215 – Afro-American History I, 5 credit hours. (Cross-listed HIS 215)
An examination of the Black experience from African civilizations in the fourth Century A.D. through slavery to the end of the Reconstruction Era in the United States. Prerequisite Basic English Skills. (GUR)

216 – Afro-American History II, 5 credit hours. (Cross-listed HIS 216)
An exploration of the Black experience in the United States from the end of the Reconstruction period to the present. Contributions of Blacks toward the exploration of the new frontier and the post-civil war industrial growth in America. Prerequisite Basic English Skills. (GUR)

222 – Black Economics, 5 credit hours. (Cross-listed ECO 222)
Focuses on the economic conditions of Black Americans and presents an analysis of economic problems confronting them, particularly institutional aspects.

280 – Introduction to Black Literature, 4 credit hours. (Cross-listed ENG 280)
Survey of American Black Literature from colonial times to the 20th century. Various genres, chiefly fiction and poetry, will be studied.

299 – Special Studies in Black Studies, 1-5 credit hours.
Studies will vary according to faculty and student interest. Prerequisite Sophomore standing.

301 – Harlem Renaissance, 5 credit hours.
A selective and objective study of the cultural, ideological and political contributions of Blacks during the period from 1918 to 1929

310 – Survey of Black Education, 5 credit hours.
An overview of the development and nature of education for Black Americans. Particular attention is given to the role of private and public agencies in the evolution of Black Education. Emphasis is placed on instructional strategies and curriculum designs suitable for teaching the Black experience.
315 – African History, 5 credit hours. (Cross-listed HIS 315)
A survey of African history from prehistory to the present. Emphasis will be directed toward earlier African civilizations, extensive contact with the outside world, and the formation of African nations.

320 – Black American Family, 5 credit hours.
The Black American family as a social system influenced by the institutions of the larger American society

321 – Black Political Awareness, 5 credit hours.
The issues of Black political power and awareness as they relate to several studies of macro- and micro-institutional racism with alternatives for radical change

380 – American Literature of Ethnic Minorities, 5 credit hours.
(Cross-listed ENG 380)
Asian-American, Latin-American, Afro-American, Indian-American and other forgotten pages of ethnic minority literature

381 – Contemporary American Black Literature, 4 credit hours.
(Cross-listed ENG 381)
Major American Black literature of the 20th century fiction, poetry, essay, autobiography and drama.

399 – Special Studies in Black Studies, 1-5 credit hours.
Studies will vary according to faculty and student interest. Prerequisite Junior standing

424 – Economics of Poverty and Economic Security Programs, 5 credit hours. (Cross-listed ECO 424)
Causes of poverty and an evaluation of the possible remedies, especially current and proposed programs.

497 – Black Studies Workshop, 1-5 credit hours.
Workshops are held to examine issues in this area.

498 – Seminar, 1-5 credit hours.

499 – Directed Study in Black Studies, 1-5 credit hours.
Directed study and research projects will vary according to faculty and student interest. Prerequisite Senior or graduate standing.
ACADEMIC OFFERINGS (Majors By Degree)

Bachelor

Adapted Physical Education
Administrative Office Management
Adult Education
Anthropology
Applied Psychology
Art

Master

Bachelor

Adapted Physical Education
Administrative Office Management
Adult Education
Anthropology
Applied Psychology
Art

Disability Studies

Bachelor

Adapted Physical Education
Administrative Office Management
Adult Education
Anthropology
Applied Psychology
Art

Bilingual Education—Elementary
Biology
Business Administration
Business Education
Chemistry
Child Development
Clinical Psychology
College Instruction Communication Disorders
Communication Studies
Communications
Community Health Education
Computer Information Systems
Computer Science
Computer Science with option
Elementary Secondary
Computer Science Education
Computer Technology
Counseling & Development
Counseling Psychology
Creative Writing
Criminal Justice with option
Counseling, Probation & Parole, Custody

Bachelor

Justice Administration:
   Administration, Planning & Forecasting, Jail Admin
Law Enforcement: Police & Security
Curriculum Specialist
Dental Hygiene
Developmental Psychology

Distributive Education
Early Childhood Education
Earth Science Secondary
Economics
Economics & Mathematics
Economics with option Business Minor
Labor Relations Education
Elementary Teaching English
Environmental Studies
Experimental Psychology
Food & Nutrition/Dietetics
Forest Geography
French
General Home Economics
General Studies Geography
Geology
Geology—Environmental Studies
German
Government
Graphic Communication (Technology)
Health Education
Health Services Administration
History
Home Economics Secondary
Humanities
Industrial Education
Instructional Communications
Instrumental Performance
Interdisciplinary Studies
International Affairs Journalism
Library Science/Media Mathematics
Mathematics & Computer Science
Medical Technology
Military Science
Music

Bachelor

Music Merchandising
Natural Science
Nursing
Organization & Mass Communication
Outdoor Recreation
Philosophy
Photography—Art
Radio-Television
Physical Education
Physical Therapy
Physics
Psychology
Psychology—Secondary
Public Administration
Radio-Television
Reading—Elementary
Reading Specialist
Recreation Management
School Psychology
Science Education
Social Science Education
Social Work
Sociology
Spanish
Special Education
Speech Communication Secondary
Technological Administration
Technology
Theatre
Therapeutic Recreation
Urban & Regional Planning
Vocational Administration
Eastern is accredited by the following professional associations:
Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges
American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business
American Dietetics Association
American Physical Therapy Association
Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP)
Council on Accreditation of the National Recreation and Park Association
Council on Dental Education of the American Dental Association
Council on Social Work Education
National Association of Schools of Music
National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE)
National League for Nursing

Studies Leading to a Specialized Minor
Alcohol/Drug Studies
Aging Studies
Asian Studies
Black Studies
English as a Second Language
Environmental Studies
Indian Studies
Religious Studies
Women's Studies

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