

New Graduate Course for Spring 2010

WS 5663-02

Slavery in the Americas: Resistance and Revolution

Tuesdays 6:00-8:50 p.m.

Course Code: 43432

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This course examines the origins and evolution of slavery in the Americas from the sixteenth to the nineteenth century, exploring the plantation slave systems in the Caribbean, South America, and North America. By using a comparative approach, students will enlarge their understanding of slavery in an international framework. Students will learn about the Atlantic slave trade that transported millions of African men and women against their will to the New World, and will learn how these exiles struggled to survive the dehumanizing institution. The Haitian Revolution will be treated as a turning point: the event that transformed the possibilities for slaves in the New World, and inspired other slave rebellions that will also feature in the course.

In addition to these topics, questions of cultural survival, ethnic and racial identity, and gender relations – all brought into sharp relief by the conditions of slavery – will guide our discussion.

This course is crosslisted with HIST 5903-02.

If you have questions, contact Dr. Sara Fanning at SFanning@twu.edu.