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# Comparative History of Slavery in Africa and the African Diaspora: 15th-19th Centuries

This course provides opportunity for advanced students of African, African America, African Diaspora and Comparative Black History to gain insight into the history and practice of slavery in comparative perspective across time and space. The course is designed thematically to provide an understanding of the concept and practice of slavery in the New and the Old Worlds in a comparative perspective from the 15th-19th centuries. The course will help students develop critical thinking and a better understanding of historical issues; explore the social, economic, and cultural impacts of slavery on the new World and Africa; examine the place of women in slavery across different cultural settings and belief systems. By focusing on differences between slavery in the Western World and in Africa, the course helps students understand and challenge myths, ideological assumptions, and generalizations regarding slavery in Africa and the African Diaspora; and fosters an understanding and appreciation for people of other “races” and ethnic groups, social, religious, and political traditions. The course will also help students acquaint themselves with the historiography of slavery and engage in a critical discourse.