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Black Studies class offered next fall

The Social Science Department last night adopted a resolution which will provide for an ethnic studies course titled Social Science 102: "Men in a Nuclear Age."

The Black Studies course, subtitled "Black Identity: Alienation and Affirmation" will be offered first semester next fall for two credits, once a week for two hours.

The course, which is under the coordination of Dr. Jack Davis, will be open to all students and not directed at black students only.

Concern in black studies was stimulated last fall when some 400 students signed a petition showing their desire for a black history course. However, Davis warns that this is not a black history course.

Different fields that will be discussed in the new class include anthropology, history, geography, sociology, psychology, music and literature. Assisting with this new class are seven or eight different departments.

Drafting the course were Dr. Jack Davis, Dr. Williard Barnes, Mrs. Corlann Bush and Joe Tasby. Barnes, Tasby and Mrs. Bush will be Davis's advisors.

Although plans are still tentative, several teachers from Idaho and WSU have expressed interest in helping teach the course including Fred Winkler, Harry Caldwell, Ken Johnson from WSU, Mrs. Bush, David Seiler and Ed Weiskotten. All teachers will rotate; taking turns in teaching the class different weeks throughout first semester.

Purpose of this black studies course is two-fold. First, it aims to provide a vehicle for the discussion of Negro history and culture within a unified framework. Secondly, the concept of identity and the problems of alienation are confronted, in some degree, by every member of society. It is hoped by the committee that white undergraduates studying black-identity alienation problems will aid Idaho's white undergraduates in understanding and solving their own problems.

Composing the ad hoc committee were Davis, Dr. Hosack, Dr. Harry Caldwell, Dr. Rolland and Ed Weiskotten from Campus Christian Center. Students include Joe Tasby, Roger Delles, Jim Decisso, Bill Davis and Mary Ellen Noble.

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