

Fall 2021 HISTORY SPECIAL TOPICS COURSE



History 295 (Special Topics): Social Justice and Social Movements in United States History

CRN: [93836](#)

Blended Course: On campus, in-person: Mondays, 11-12:15

Asynchronous online the rest of the week

**fulfills Social Science elective credit*



This one-semester course examines social movements/social justice in United States history from early 19th century reform movements and abolition through social justice movements in the mid- 20th century for women, Chicanos, African Americans, LGBTQ, the environment, conservatives, and Native Americans to the present moment with Black Lives Matters protestors taking to the streets amid a global pandemic. We will study the causes, participants, tactics, and consequences of each movement with a particular focus on movements for social justice and their counter-movements across more than 200 years of United States history. We'll also address the ways each movement is fostered and hindered by the government and the media. Through primary and secondary sources, films, and discussions, students will learn about how social movements and fights for social justice – at the local, national, and sometimes international level – helped transform American history

