

Anti-Black Racism Course Implementation Working Group Charge

University Senate

Charge:

At the May 1, 2023 regular meeting of the University Senate, [a motion to amend the By-Laws, Rules & Regulations of the University Senate, II.C.2.D \(renumber from D\) Minimum Requirements for Undergraduate Degrees, General Education Curriculum](#) was presented by the University Senate ABR Implementation Ad Hoc Committee and passed.

The By-Law revision states:

Every undergraduate student at UConn must pass the one-credit course titled U.S. Anti-Black Racism as part of the baccalaureate degree requirements. It is strongly recommended that the course be completed during the first two years of enrollment at the University.

This new degree requirement is scheduled to go into effect starting from the Fall 2025 semester and it is the charge of this Working Group to determine the curricular next steps to ensure the requirement is launched to meet this deadline.

Objectives:

- Determine a subject area (recommended UNIV), course number (recommended 1000 or 2000 level), and catalog description for the course (feel free to include publishable minimum learning objectives, as those will be included in the catalog for all CC courses as of Fall 2026). Submit a CAR for the course.
- Determine whether a substitute is appropriate if a student has taken a 3-credit course in Anti-Black Racism that has the same learning objective (proposal by Senator Jockusch on the Senate floor)

Timeline:

- Goal is to submit a CAR form for the ABR course by October 1, 2024, to ensure sufficient time for curricular processing by the February deadline set by the Registrar for new courses to be added to the catalog for the 2025-2026 Academic Year

Committee Membership & Terms:

Members of the Anti-Black Racism Course Implementation Working Group shall be appointed by the Senate Executive Committee including recommendations by Academic Leadership, Deans, and other constituencies. Members shall be added for the duration of the charge of this Working Group and members may be added or removed based on recommendations from the group or other parties.

Committee Membership:

Name	Department	School/College/Campus
Suzanne Wilson (Chair)	Neag Endowed Professor of Teacher Education	
Kamara Nyahuma	Undergraduate Student	Undergraduate Student (Senator)
Erin Ciarimboli	Undergraduate Advising	
Carl Rivers	Registrar's Office	Marc Hatfield recommended
Shawn Salvant	Africana Studies Institute	
Stephany Santos	Assistant Professor in Residence in Biomedical Engineering & Executive Associate Director of the Vergnano Institute for Inclusion	
Jamie Caruso	Academic Affairs	Waterbury Campus
Kathleen Tonry	English, CLAS, W Center	

Working Group Discharged:

This committee met twice in May 2024 with a focus on completing the charge of the committee, namely finding an academic home for the course so that the curriculum could be submitted via the CAR system and approved for registration. In September 2024, the committee chair Suzanne Wilson notified committee members that the decision was made between the SEC, CLAS Dean's Office and Office of the Provost, to appoint the Africana Studies Institute as the academic home for this course. Therefore, Africana Studies had taken charge of the curricular development of the course. The work of this committee was put on pause to await further information from Africana Studies.

On November 3, 2025 the Senate [passed a resolution](#) to "pause implementation of the ABR By-Law Change passed on May 1, 2023 subject to the formation of an implementation-and-study committee as defined in 10/6/25 meeting materials."