

Students Speak Out

Why Do Winston-Salem State Students Shun Black History Courses?

Why Do You Think WSSU's Students Avoid Black History Courses.

Martin B. Davis
A Sophomore, from
Roanoke, VA

I feel that the lack of participation in black history courses is due to many factors. Most students concentrate on their major area of study; only taking classes pertinent to their intended major. Secondly, many students are unaware of the various courses available. Thirdly, students can research black history on their own time, without the pressure of class. Other contributing factors include: a lack of interest, conflicts in scheduling the courses, and the willingness to be culturally deprived.

Gwendolyn Gillespie
A Senior, from
Elizabethtown, NC

I think WSSU students are unaware of black history courses, and many other things that are happening on campus. The reason for this is that our students lack the (initiative) to strengthen their academic, cultural, and social awareness.

The lack of participation in black history courses offered can cause a serious conflict on scheduling needed courses. As a predominantly black university, we need to be aware.

James K. Jackson
A Senior, from
Charlotte, NC

I think it's a matter of students not being aware of the courses available and the lack of understanding how these courses will benefit them in the long run. If students were more aware maybe they would seek an interest in black history courses.



Barry C. Traynham
A Senior, from
Alexandria, VA

I do not think it's fair to say students avoid these courses. They are not avoided for the sake of avoiding them. Most students are not able to fit these courses into their schedules because of WSSU's curriculum schedules.

Barbara Neal
A Junior, from
Greensboro, NC

If we are avoiding these courses, it's by force not choice. Sometimes our schedules do not permit us to take black history courses. It's a must that we take World Civilization I, II and sometimes both. The majority of the time after taking these courses, most students are geared toward completing the remainder of their required courses and pursuing their major.

Attendance Policy

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Resolutions passed by the Board included:

-Congratulations to Board member Miss Louise Smith upon her retirement from the Winston-Salem Forsyth County School System after 37 years.

-Congratulations to the wrestling team and Coach Mike Edwards for capturing the CIAA title for the fourth consecutive year.

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