

## **Selected Topics in Afro-Caribbean Studies**

Course code: ETH 3100

Total contact hours: 48 hours

Pre-requisite: None

### **Course Overview**

This course prompts an awareness of Afro - Latin, and Afro - Caribbean culture and experiences.

Students will:

- Emphasize the importance of history to understand the black culture in Costa Rica, Latin America, and the Caribbean in the present-day.
- Discuss present-day issues - with special consideration of contemporary issues, such as poverty, migration, the development of human rights, and sustainable development concerning Caribbean communities.
- Discuss the different aspects of Costa Rica's black heritage, cultural evolution, such as social and political organization, economy, traditions, festivities, and people of influence.
- Introduce the Caribbean indigenous community dynamics to complement the discussion of social constructs of the "other" in the Caribbean landscape, space, and different historical periods.
- Explore specific socio-cultural profiles - for example, gender relations within Costa Rican Caribbean culture and the issue of violence in Limon.