

Anth 370 – Anthropology and Contemporary Human Problems: **Foodways of the Black Atlantic**

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Jollof rice. Soul food. Jerk chicken. In many ways, the histories of Black people on both sides of the Atlantic can be told through the foods that have sustained them for the past 1,000 years. In this class, students will learn about foodways of the Black Atlantic and how anthropology contributes to our understanding of the ways African and African American cuisines have changed over the last few centuries.

No previous anthropology coursework is required!

Samples of select foods discussed in class will be provided through the semester!



If you are interested in food, anthropology, archaeology, Black history, and/or Africana studies, then be sure to take this class! Questions? Contact Dr. Matt Greer at matthew.greer@siu.edu.