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1. Course Number: SOC209

Course Title: Sociology of Race and Ethnicity

2. Course Description: This course focuses on the study of racial and ethnic relationships; analyzes the structures and circumstances which promote political, economic, and cultural domination; the role of racist ideology; the pervasive nature of prejudice and discrimination; survival and resistance strategies of the dominated.

3. Student Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this course, students are able to do the following:

- Utilize sociological definitions of and theoretical approaches to race and ethnicity.
- Analyze how racism, prejudice, and discrimination are embedded in all levels of society.
- Describe race and ethnicity as historically, culturally, and socially bound and constructed.
- Build sophisticated knowledge pertaining to the creation and fluidity of racial and ethnic identities.
- Examine intersectional research approaches which account for race and ethnicity combining with other personal descriptors such as gender, age, and sexuality.
- Describe ways in which the racial and cultural diversity in U.S. society is changing.
- Explain the key concepts related to socio-economic status and white privilege; the matrices of domination between majority and minority groups, and the perpetuation of prejudice, institutional and individual discrimination, as well as ideological racism.
- Analyze the major areas of competition and divisiveness related to race. Such as jobs, crime and the criminal justice system, welfare reform, national health care policy, school busing, bilingual education, immigration policy, and multicultural curricula in schools.
- Discuss progress for minority groups in the U.S.
- Describe the likely historic trajectories for various minority groups in the U.S. based on data and theories.
- Examine the role of the U.S. in the global society and the opportunity it has to improve on its record.

4. Credits: 3 credits

5. Satisfies General Education Requirement: Yes, Behavioral & Social Sciences

6. Prerequisite: SOC 106 (Principles of Sociology)

7. Semester(s) Offered: Spring, Summer

8. Suggested General Guidelines for Evaluation: The final grade consists of written papers, class participation, examinations and small group activity.

9. Content Outline of Course (Optional):

- Race, Biology and Sociology
- Social Theories of Race and Ethnicity
- Diversity in the United States: Theory and Perspectives

- Issues and Concepts in Race and Ethnic relations : Assimilation and Pluralism , Prejudice and Discrimination
- The Enduring Significance of Race: Connecting the Past to the Present: Slavery and the origins of race; from Slavery to Segregation - Origin of Black Protest Acculturation and Integration, Social Change and Minority Group Activism
- Race and Racism- *"The problem of the twentieth century is the problem of the color line."* W. E. B. Du Bois
- Understanding the Race, and ethnicity as dimensions of social issues in contemporary United States
- The New America: Changing demographic of race and ethnicity in the US
- The Changing race and ethnicity: Racial minorities involvement in the economy, military and politics in the present-day US
- Consequences of Race and ethnicity class: A close look at contemporary issues (*Immigration, Natural disasters (response to Katrina), Presidential Election 2008, 2012, & 2016; Minorities in the military etc.*)
- Minority Groups and US Society: Themes, Patterns and the Future
- Profiles of Minorities in the US: African American; Asian Americans; Hispanic Americans, Latinos, etc.
- Contemporary and historical issues of race and Ethnic relations: Race and Globalization, Race and Education ; Race and Jobs ; Race and Housing ; Race and Criminal Justice System ; Immigration and globalization
- The intersection between race and ethnicity with other personal descriptors such as gender, age, and sexuality in the US
- Looking beyond: The Future of Race and Ethnic relations in the US