

SOCIOLOGY OF RACE AND ETHNICITY
SOCIOLOGY 363
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Prerequisites: No

GE: No

Class Description & Objectives:

In this course we will examine historical and contemporary factors that structure ethnic inequalities, intergroup relations, and conceptions of race and ethnicity. In so doing, we will review major theoretical and empirical works in sociology and demography.

Students are encouraged to approach the readings with a critical eye and to examine the assumptions on which they are based, the methodological approaches, other possible interpretations, and their value in providing an understanding of racial-ethnic inequality and intergroup relations.

Furthermore, we will examine racial and ethnic differences in this class by looking to the differences between majority and minority racial-ethnic groups, but with an eye toward how racial-ethnic differences are crosscut with other social differences based on class, gender, sexuality, age and appearance. Our studies will be guided by questions of history, creativity, domination, and justice. The class format, while including lectures, presentations and film viewings, will focus on collaborative, interactive learning. Students will work together in small groups on discussions.

Required Texts: (To Be Announced)

Evaluation:

Midterm Exam	25%
Research Paper	25%
Memos	20%
Journal Assignment	10%
Oral Presentation	10%
Class Participation	<u>10%</u>
	100%