

## **SOCIOLOGY 263: Sociology of Race and Ethnicity Fall 2016**

### **Contact Information:**

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GE: Lower Division Area D1 (Individual and Society), Ethnic Studies

Prerequisites: none

*Please note: Information below is subject to change.*

### **Course Catalog Description**

This course examines race and ethnic relations in the US from a theoretical, historical, and comparative perspective. Explores the emergence of racial and ethnic minorities through such historical processes as colonialism, slavery, and immigration. Studies the current relations among racial and ethnic groups in the US. Satisfies GE, category D1 (Individual and Society), Ethnic Studies.

### **Course Description**

This course uses a teaching pedagogy based on the perspectives of people of color within a thematic approach. Core to this course is teaching students to see how race impacts everyone. Students will explore how the past has lingering impacts on the present and how the rise of capitalism is a key component in shaping US race relations past and present. Students will also learn how race is embedded in other systems of social inequality such as gender, class, and sexuality. A special emphasis will be placed on the educational and penal system as institutions that route people's lives, opportunities and access to resources differently based on evolving socially constructed racial categories. All class assignments are geared towards helping students develop a sociological imagination for seeing how race operates and is negotiated as a daily component of social life.

### **Course Objectives and Goals**

- A. To foster a conceptual knowledge about the racialization of groups of people using the sociological imagination.
- B. To become aware of the relationship between race, class, gender and citizenship in shaping people's life trajectories, access to resources and opportunities.
- C. To name Whiteness as a racialized social category and its relationship to the development of capitalism in the US
- D. To demonstrate that people of color are not victims but active agents negotiating systems of power