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SO 401: Race and Ethnicity
Spring 2000 MWF 11:00 H 202

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

I have structured this course to provide an overview of some of the major issues and controversies found in the classical and modern literature on RACE.

We will explore moments in the historical development of the concept(s) of race, as well as the structures and processes of ethnicity, ethnic identity, prejudice, and minority-majority relations (focusing upon cross cultural systems of stratification and domination throughout history). Special attention will be placed on attempts to explain human/group variations (such as intelligence or physical/athletic skills) by appealing to the factor of race.

TEXTS:

--Much of the reading for this course will be placed on library reserve. Students are encouraged to xerox copies of these readings for their own personal use.

--R. Takaki, From Different Shore (second edition) is available in the campus bookstore.

ORGANIZATION AND GRADES:

This course will attempt to interweave lectures and group discussions **in an atmosphere of mutual respect.**

Regular class attendance is substantially important to your success in this course. Students who accumulate more than three (unexcused) absences will begin to have their overall grade lowered.

Your final grade will be determined as follows:

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| --five--to--six essay exams (various formats) | 80% of grade |
| --one final reflection essay (due 10 May) | 20% of grade |

It is expected that students be present on the days that exams are administered and that all assignments be submitted on time. Students are never automatically entitled to makeup exams or to any type of extension. Assignments which are late will be penalized and makeup exams will be administered up to and in accord with the discretion of the instructor.

I invite students to make an appointment to see me during the semester. I do not enjoy teaching a class of strangers.

TENTATIVE COURSE OUTLINE

| WEEK | TOPICS AND ASSIGNMENTS |
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| I--II--III | Overview of course and syllabus The meanings of Race READ: TBA on library reserve |
| III--V | Ongoing discussion of Race and Ethnicity READ: Takaki (Section II: CULTURE): articles by Jordan; Takaki; Higham; Deloria. |
| V--VII | Dynamics of Majority--Minority Relations READ: Takaki (Section II: CULTURE): article by Light. READ: Takaki any THREE chapters in Section III (CLASS) by Breen; Rodriguez; Vizenor; or Almaguer |
| VII--IX | Social Stratification and the American Dream READ: Takaki (Section III: CLASS) articles by Blauner; Bonacich. |
| IX--XI | Affirmative Action, Public Policy and Ethics READ: TBA from Takaki, (Section V) |
| XI--remainder of semester | Topics such as: Genocide and Global Diasporas Race and Athletics Race and Gender Race and the Criminal Justice System Multiculturalism and US Institutions Issues in Immigration Citizenship Rights and Guest Workers Colonization |