

ANTHR 150, Race and Racism in the Modern World

3 credits, 3 hours lecture

Course Description

This course will study the challenge of racism in modern societies and the response of anthropology, including the history of how the 'race' concept has been used to explain human variation. Topics will include multiculturalism, ethnic (or cultural) identity, prejudice, ethnocentrism, 'silent' and 'overt' racism, eugenics, and the persistence of ethnic identity in the face of globalization. Case studies from different parts of the world (rural and urban, in times of war and of peace) will be used to define and illustrate these concepts, including current issues of interest in Canada. This course will include a combination of lectures, readings, films, and guest speakers.

Pre and Co-requisites

None.

Course Learning Outcomes (CLOs)

Upon successful completion of the course, the student shall be able to:

CLO1 Identify key concepts related to race and racism (e.g., race, racism, ethnicity, privilege, intersectionality, and more).

CLO2 Review historical circumstances behind the development of race as a concept.

CLO3 Articulate race as a social construct and its effects.

CLO4 Detail why race is not a biological category.

CLO5 Investigate the development of racism and many different forms racism can take.

CLO6 Determine how human biological and cultural diversity relate to the issue of racism.

CLO7 Examine instances of racism in everyday life, institutions, and media.

Evaluation

Assessment Type	Percentage
Participation/Attendance	5%
Assignments	35%
Midterm Paper	25%
Final Project	35%
Total	100%

Course Completion Requirements

Minimum passing mark of D or 50% is required.

Grading Scale

4.0 Grade Scale	Alpha Grade	Percentage Grade
4.0	A+	93-100
4.0	A	85-92.9
3.7	A-	80-84.9
3.3	B+	77-79.9
3.0	B	74-76.9
2.7	B-	70-73.9
2.3	C+	67-69.9
2.0	C	64-66.9
1.7	C-	60-63.9
1.3	D+	55-59.9
1.0	D	50-54.9
0.0	F	0-49.9

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