

SOCI 430 A01 ¹

Issues in Racialization, Ethnicity and Decolonization

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Course Description:

In this course we will examine the way race and racialization has been carried out in a historical and institutionalized fashion. We look at how race and racism are activities, which are man-made, artificial, and created, but appear to us as if they are natural categories and real material things. The course is premised on the assumption that “race” is a verb, not a noun. Race is not a thing. it is a practice. We racialize ourselves and we racialize other people. This is what we study in this course. But of course, we are not studying ourselves, specifically, but rather, the society into which we are born.

Course Outcomes/Objectives:

- To consider how we are socially constructed (as raced subjects)
- To understand the socio-historical production of racial difference
- To articulate arguments in writing and presentation forms

Topics May Include:

Whiteness; Anti-Black Racism in Canada; Racial Profiling; Crime and Systemic Racism in the USA; Economic Measurements of Race; Gaslighting; Technology and Racial Bias.

Course Pre/Co-requisites:

Minimum fourth-year standing or Honours or Major in Sociology

Required Resources May Include:

There is no textbook required for this course. All required readings will be uploaded onto Brightspace. A list of all required readings will be included in the detailed course syllabus.

¹ This online outline is only intended to give an overall sense of the course. Detailed course outlines will be made available for all registered students on the first day of class. Only those outlines are to be considered official.