

COURSE: SOCIOLOGY 667 - SEMINAR ON ETHNIC RELATIONS

SESSION: Fall, 2013

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SEMINAR TIME: M: 9:00 – 11:45 am in Social Sciences # 921

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Academic Accommodation

Students with a disability, who require academic accommodation, need to register with the Disability Resource Centre (MC 295, telephone 220-8237). Academic accommodation letters need to be provided to course instructors no later than fourteen (14) days after the first day of class. **It is a student’s responsibility to register with the Disability Resource Centre and to request academic accommodation, if required.**

REQUIRED TEXTS AND READINGS (in order of coverage)

Cornell, S. & Hartmann, D. (2007). *Ethnicity and race: Making identities in a changing world*. (2nd edition) Thousand Oaks: Pine Forge Press

Memmi, A. (2000). *Racism*. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press.

Goldberg, D. T. (2009). *The threat of race*. Malden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell.

Back, L. & Solomos, J. (eds.) (2009). *Theories of race and racism – a reader*. New York: Routledge.

Castles, S. & Miller, J. (2009). *The age of migration: international population movements in the modern world*. New York: The Guilford Press

SEMINAR DESCRIPTION:

This seminar course examines racism and the centrality of 'race' and ethnicity to social relations and social inequality. The course is organized around the assigned readings, author critique, seminar presentations, and a major term paper. The assigned readings provide an overview of racism, racialisation, ethnic discrimination, and critical race theory. As well, the readings include an analysis of the role and impact of contemporary global migration and transnationalism and their impact on culture, identity, and ethnic/racial communities.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND STUDENT EVALUATION:

The final grade for this course will be based on six components. The following is a breakdown of each component, its relative weight, and due date:

	<u>Weight</u>	<u>Due Date</u>
1) Term Paper Proposal	10%	Oct. 07 th
2) Author-Critique presentations	05%	Oct. 28 or Nov. 04
3) Author Critique	15%	Nov. 18
4) Paper presentation	10%	Dec. 02
5) Term Paper	<u>60%</u>	Dec. 09 th
Total	100%	

Distribution of Grades

95-100 = A+	Outstanding		67 - 71 = C+	Failure
90 - 94 = A	Excellent		63 - 66 = C	Failure
85 - 89 = A-	Very good		59 - 62 = C-	Failure
80 - 84 = B+	Good		54 - 58 = D+	Failure
76 - 79 = B	Satisfactory		50 - 53 = D	Failure
72 - 75 = B-	Minimum Pass		00 - 49 = F	Failure

Academic Misconduct: cheating is regarded as a serious academic offense. Students are advised to consult the University Calendar, which presents a Statement of Intellectual Honesty and definitions and penalties associated with cheating, plagiarism, and other academic misconduct.

The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) legislation disallows the practice of having students retrieve assignments from a public place, e.g., outside an instructor's office or the Department main office. Term assignments must be returned to students individually, during class, or during the instructor's office hours; if a student is unable to pick up her/his assignment s/he may provide the instructor with a stamped, self-addressed envelope to be used for the return of the assignment.

Handing in Papers Outside of Class, Return of Papers, and Release of Final Grades

1. When students are unable to submit papers at class, they should make arrangements to hand in their papers directly to the instructor rather than at the Sociology Department main office.
2. Final papers will not be returned through the Sociology Department main office. The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) legislation disallows the practice of having students retrieve assignments from a public place, (i.e., outside an instructor's office, the department office, etc.). Students who want their final papers returned by mail must attach a stamped, self-addressed envelope with the paper. Otherwise final papers will only be available for pick-up during the instructor's office hours at the end of this term or the beginning of the next term.
3. Final grades are not posted by the Sociology department. They are only available online.