

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF THE FRASER VALLEY

COURSE INFORMATION

DISCIPLINE/DEPARTMENT: Social, Cultural & Media Studies **IMPLEMENTATION DATE:** September 1998

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SCMS 470
SUBJECT/NUMBER OF COURSE

Race and Racism: Selected Topics
DESCRIPTIVE TITLE

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CALENDAR DESCRIPTION: Questions of race and ethnicity arise frequently in the context of popular discussions of social problems, national identity, and even national unity. They are equally important in academic discussions about modern societies around the world. This course explores selected topics related to race, racism and ethnicity from sociological and anthropological perspectives. Topics covered may include ethnic conflict, immigration and immigration policy, multiculturalism, racism, the development of immigrant identities and communities, charter groups/dominant cultures, indigenous and migrant subordination, the meaning of exile, etc. Students should consult the department to determine the content for a particular semester.

RATIONALE: The course adds an important element to the Sociology and Anthropology offerings. It should also be of interest to students in Criminology, Social Work, Latin American Studies and other Arts disciplines.

COURSE PREREQUISITES: 60 credits, to include at least 9 credits of sociology and/or anthropology

COURSE COREQUISITES: None

HOURS PER TERM FOR EACH STUDENT	Lecture	30	hrs	Student Directed	
	Laboratory		hrs	Learning	hrs
	Seminar	30	hrs	Other - specify:	
	Field Experience		hrs		hrs
				TOTAL	60

MAXIMUM ENROLMENT: 25

Is transfer credit requested? **9** Yes : No

AUTHORIZATION SIGNATURES:	
Course Designer(s): _____	Chairperson: _____ (E. Davis) Curriculum Committee
Department Head: _____ J. Ballard	Dean: _____ J.D. Tunstall
PAC: Approval in Principle _____ (Date)	PAC: Final Approval: <u>September 29, 1999</u> (Date)

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SYNONYMOUS COURSES:

- (a) replaces Soc 470/Anth 470
(course #)
- (b) cannot take SCMS 470 after taking SCMS 470A
(course #)

SUPPLIES/MATERIALS:**TEXTBOOKS, REFERENCES, MATERIALS (List reading resources elsewhere)**

Li, Peter S. (ed) (1990) *Race and ethnic relations in Canada*. Don Mills, Ont.: Oxford University Press Canada.

Portes, Alejandro (ed) (1995) *The economic sociology of immigration: essays on networks, ethnicity, and entrepreneurship*. New York: Russell Sage Foundation.

Satzewich, Vic (ed) (1992) *Deconstructing a nation: immigration, multiculturalism and racism in '90s Canada*. Halifax, N.S.: Fernwood Publishing.

Sociology 470 Coursepack

OBJECTIVES:

To study in depth a selected topic in the area of race, racism and ethnicity in order to develop an understanding of the cultural and structural conditions underlying social issues involving these themes.

METHODS:

The course will use a combination of formal lectures, seminar discussions, audio-visual materials and guest lectures/discussions with people who work with local immigrant communities.

STUDENT EVALUATION PROCEDURE:

Participation	10%
Midterm exam*	20%
Research paper*	30%
Presentation	15%
Final exam	25%

* Students who so wish may complete a piece of original research (worth 50% of the final grade) in conjunction with a local immigrant services agency in place of these two components.

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COURSE CONTENT

Part One: Introduction to the course; a multicultural Canada

Part Two: Canadian immigration history; First Nations; Charter groups

Part Three: Political economy of immigration policy

Part Four: Immigration push factors; Social conditions in countries of origin; Political and economic refugees

Part Five: Ethnicity and socio-economic status

Part Six: Ethnicity and education

Part Seven: Racism and discrimination

Part Eight: The development of ethnic identities and communities

Part Nine: Social problems facing immigrant and minority communities