



Course Syllabus

SOCI 2319
Minority Studies (4511015325)

Course Description: This course studies minority-majority group relations, addressing their historical, cultural, social, economic, and institutional development in the United States. Both sociological and social psychological levels of analysis will be employed to discuss issues including experiences of minority groups within the context of their cultural heritage and tradition, as well as that of the dominant culture. Core concepts to be examined include (but are not limited to) social inequality, dominance/subordination, prejudice, and discrimination. Particular minority groups discussed may include those based on poverty, race/ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, age, disability, or religion.

Semester Hours Credit: 3

Lecture/Lab Hours: 3-0

Prerequisite: To enroll in any Sociology course, students must demonstrate readiness to perform college level academic coursework in reading according to Coastal Bend College academic skills assessment guidelines.

Textbook(s): *Racial and Ethnic Groups (13th edition)* ISBN: 9780205842339

Student Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this course, students will:

1. Explain how the concept of social inequality pertains to minority group status defined in terms of identities that may include: social class, race/ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, age, disability, or religion.
2. Differentiate between important concepts and theories of prejudice and discrimination including the effects of prejudice and discrimination on the everyday lives of minority group members in the context of social institutions.
3. Analyze the history of culture, experiences of inequality, and current life opportunities of various minority groups in the United States with contrasting reference to other countries.



- Analyze minority group interactions in the United States focusing on immigration and migration patterns, assimilation processes, and adjustments to American life.

Evaluation Methods:

Grades will be determined by taking an average of the project, the exams, the discussion postings, and class assignments.

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