

Fall 2020

Courses on Race and Justice

These courses represent only a small sampling of the many outstanding courses addressing race and justice at the University of Notre Dame, and excellent options are also available in many departments not represented here. In addition, many of the courses below are cross-listed, because they represent interdisciplinary approaches to this important topic. Not all cross-listings are printed here. Students interested in registering for these courses can view the full details, including seat availability, CRNs, and registration restrictions, in Class Search and NOVO.

Department of Africana Studies

africana.nd.edu

Race and Ethnicity in American Politics

AFST 30601

Dianne Pinderhughes

TR 2:20-3:35 (Online Course)

This course introduces students to the dynamics of the social and historical construction of race and ethnicity in American political life.

Afro-Cuban Lit & Culture

AFST 43177

Mark Sanders

W 3:55-6:40 (Online Course)

This course will examine Afro-Cuban history and culture from the last decade of the eighteenth century to the contemporary moment.

Toni Morrison

AFST 43101

Ernest Morrell

MW 2:20-3:35

This course will explore Toni Morrison, one of the most important American novelists, essayists, and literary critics of the 20th century known for her complex and nuanced portrayals of the African-American experience and her contributions to African-American Literary theory.

Department of American Studies

americanstudies.nd.edu

The Asian American Experience

AMST 30119

Jennifer Huynh

MW 11:10-12:25

This course explores the historical racialization of Asian Americans and cross-racial coalition building around various topics including affirmative action, the model minority myth, transnational adoption, and Black Lives Matter.

Critical Refugee Studies

AMST 30103

Jennifer Huynh

MW 2:20-3:25

This course provides a critical examination of the systemic exclusion of Central American and other refugee voices in U.S. history, the representation of refugees in Western media, and human rights issues like genocide, immigrant detention, and citizenship.

Epidemics in America

AMST 30163

Professor Laurel Daen

TR 2:20-3:35

This course examines how race and ethnicity shape disease outbreaks and narratives, exploring issues such as medical bias, access to care, health disparities, racialized understandings of the body, abuse, resistance, and reform.

The Vietnam War and American Catholics

AMST 30165

Peter Cajka

TR 11:10-12:25

This course analyzes the racial discourses used to justify American intervention in South Vietnam, while also studying the roles played by Black and Latino soldiers on the front lines of the Vietnam War.

Baseball and America

AMST 30101

Katherine Walden

TR 9:35-10:50

This course challenges dominant narratives about “diversity” and “inclusion” in U.S. professional baseball to think more critically about how race/ethnicity and power have shaped the sport’s past and present.

Introduction to American Studies

AMST 10100/20100

Perin Gurel

MW 1:00-1:50

This course examines dominant and alternative narratives about the United States and Americanness through historical lenses. It focuses on the historical construction of race in the United States, its connections to cultural citizenship, and its intersections with gender, sexuality, class, and nationality.

Data Feminism

AMST 30104

Katherine Walden

TR 3:55-5:10

This course looks at how data-driven technology systems are used to oppress and surveil marginalized communities, and centers advocacy and activism that works for justice by challenging existing structures of power in data-driven systems.

Department of Political Science

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Race and the Constitution

POLS 40064

Sotirios Barber

TR 11:10-12:25

This course addresses questions regarding the Constitution’s relationship to slavery, race, equal rights and more.

Urban Politics and the Conflicts of Government

POLS 30150

Amir Sadeh

TR 12:45-2:00

In this course, the study of urban politics will be examined through the lens of the institutions, issues, and individuals that make up these substate governments.

Topics in Civil Liberties and Civil Rights

POLS 30068
Matthew Hall
TR 2:20-3:35

This course explores topics in American constitutional law related to civil liberties and civil rights.

The Politics of Demographic Change

POLS 30122
Andrew Thompson
MW 12:45-2:00

As the United States rapidly undergoes changes to its demographic landscape, politics will inevitably change as well. This course addresses these potential implications by investigating foundational work in population change and politics.

Department of Sociology

sociology.nd.edu

Introduction to Criminology

SOC 10732/20732
Mim Thomas
TR 12:45-2:00

One of the most important topics in the sociological study of criminology is racial inequality within the criminal justice system, including differential sentencing practices, race and policing, victimization, and the school to prison pipeline.

International Migration and Human Rights

SOC 43479
Dana Moss
MW 2:20-3:35

This course will investigate the experiences of populations who undergo displacement and resettlement across nation-states and the socio-political forces that criminalize populations seeking work and refuge across borders.

Social Inequality & American Education

SOC 20228
Amy Langenkamp
MW 9:35-10:50

This class addresses the claim that American schools offer everyone the same chance to prosper—is the educational system the “great equalizer” or does it leave some students behind?

Race and Ethnicity: Constructing Identity and Difference

SOC 30806
Calvin Zimmermann
TR 11:10-12:25

Focusing on the United States, this course will examine the invention, production, and reproduction of race from a social constructionist perspective, concentrating on the ways in which the constitution of race is controversial and constantly being remade, as well as how race structures inequality in everyday life.

Racial/Ethnic Educational Inequality

SOC 43281
Calvin Zimmermann
TR 12:45-2:00

This course examines the educational experiences and struggles of racial/ethnic minority students in U.S. public schools. Students will study educational stratification by race/ethnicity, as well as how racial/ethnic minorities experience this stratification.

Latino/a Poetry Now

ILS 20303
Francisco Aragon
MW 9:35-10:50

This course explores how contemporary Latinx poets contend with race, identity, citizenship immigration and belonging in their poetry.

Borderlands Art and Theory

ILS 30010
Tatiana Reinoza
MW 12:45-2:00

This course engages artists' contestations and reformulations of the boundaries of race, citizenship, nationalism and identity on the U.S. Mexico border.

Gender at Work in U.S. History

ILS 30402
Dan Graff
TR 8:00-9:15

This course explores gender at work in U.S. history, taking a chronological approach and considering intersections with class, race, age, religion, region and sexuality.

Modern Mexican History: Art and Revolution

ILS 30401
Jaime Pensado
TR 11:10-12:35

This course explores how leaders of Mexico's most important cultural revolutions used the arts to lead social, cultural, and political restructuring of their communities, how and why they exported their unique notions of "revolution" to the world.

Race & Ethnicity in U.S. Latino/a Literature

ILS 40910
Marisel Moreno
TR 12:45-2:00

In this course, students will examine law and events related to the termination of Mexican-American studies courses in Arizona and will explore how these issues play out in Latino literature and in our local Latino community.

Klau Center for Civil and Human Rights**Building an Anti-Racist Vocabulary**

CHR 30711
Dory Durham
F 12:45-2:00

A 1.0-credit online guest-lecture-and-dialogue series designed to provide a sophisticated, interdisciplinary introduction to systemic racism and explore the range of issues that must be understood and addressed in order for us to build a vocabulary of racial justice.

International Law and Human Rights

CHR 30708
Diane Desierto
MW 2:20-3:35

This course will explore the role international law has in the advancement of human rights, and how human rights, in turn, advance international law.

Introduction to Peace Studies

IIPS 20101
Jason Springs
MW 11:10-12:25

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George Lopez
TR 9:35-10:50

This course surveys the major causes of direct and systemic violence; various definitions of “peace” and the conditions that sustain it; and strategies for building movements for justice and promoting nonviolent social change.

Social Justice and Action: Native American and Indigenous Insights

IIPS 30426
Justin de Leon
TR 9:35-10:50

This course explores Native American and Indigenous political, cultural, and social action with a strong focus on social justice.

Philosophies of Conflict and Conflict Transformation

IIPS 30425
Jason Springs
MW 2:20-3:35

This course explores the peace studies concepts of conflict and conflict transformation by examining the Black Lives Matter and Civil Rights movements.

(De)Coloniality and Peacebuilding

IIPS 30429
Garrett FitzGerald
MW 9:35-10:50

This course offers an introduction to decolonial theory and its implications for peacebuilding.

Native American Initiatives**Podcast America: Now Hear This! It's Time to Hear the Great American Stories**

AMST 30115
Brian Collier
MW 9:35-10:50

In this course, you'll explore how millions of Americans are coming to know their history, their science, their neighbors, their sexuality, their art, and so much more, and you'll do it all through listening to some of the most engaging podcasts available. We'll think about the ways that podcasts are shaping our nation and our national interests

Social Concerns Seminar—Indigenous Communities: Responses to American History

CSC 33303
Brian Collier
F 12:45-2:15

American Indian communities have experienced the impact of colonialism since the start of European contact. This course looks to trace the relationship of that contact and the impact it has had on Native American communities and societies, in particular the Red Lake Ojibwe Nation.

**God, Country, and Notre Dame: A
History of the United States Told
through One Catholic University's Story**

ESS 30636

Brian Collier

MW 8:00-9:15

We will trace the history of Notre Dame from before the arrival of Father Sorin and learn about the education of the Native people who resided (and worshiped) here and then watch Notre Dame both evolve and grow.