Course Description

Investigates minorities such as racial and ethnic groups. Addresses social and economic conditions which promote racism, discrimination, and segregation. Lecture 3 hours per week

General Course Purpose

This course explores patterns of interaction between racial, religious, ethnic, and social minorities and the dominant culture with an emphasis on minority status (life style and life chances) in the areas of economics, education, health, deviance, and self-image. Additional consideration is given to minority group movements and social change.

Course Prerequisites/Co-requisites

None

Course Objectives

Upon completing the course, the student will be able to:

Understand and discuss the concept of minority/majority relations. Apply this understanding to the variety of minority groups in the U.S.

Major Topics to be Included

Sociological theory accounting for prejudice and discrimination and subsequent patterns of conflict, competition, and accommodation will be applied to minority status for:

- North American Natives
- African Americans
- (American Indians, Inuit, Eskimos, etc.)
- Mexican Americans
- Puerto Ricans
- Chinese Americans
- Japanese Americans
- Cuban Americans
- Southeast Asians (Vietnamese, Laotian, Thai, etc.)
- Haitians
- Jewish Americans
- White Ethnics

Extra Topics (optional)

As noted, major topics emphasize a racial/ethnic focus. Other groups to be investigated include:

A. Children
B. Homosexuals
C. Women
D. The Mentally Ill

EXTRA TOPICS (continued)

E. The Aged
F. The Homeless
G. The Disabled