

POLS 3380: Global Politics of Race
Department of Political Science
University of Guelph
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Credit Weighting: 0.50

Pre-/Co-Requisites: 1 of IDEV*2000, POLS*2100, POLS*2200

Restrictions: None

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General Details

This course offers a global and comparative exploration of race, beginning with definitions of race and ethnicity. It then delves into theories of racial formation, explaining the rise and endurance of racial and racist states. The course subsequently analyzes three state strategies toward racialized groups: assimilation, control, and ethnic cleansing. The focus shifts to the responses of these groups, examining both violent and non-violent approaches. Diverse case studies are used throughout to illustrate race politics.

Learning Objectives

- Define the concepts of race and ethnicity
- Explain and begin to critically assess racial formation theories
- Identify the racist states' strategies of ethnic cleansing, control and assimilation and relate those to broader political concepts such as power and the state
- Describe the various ways racialized groups have responded to racist states and relate those to political concepts and theories, such as around social movements and civil society

Method of Assessment (tentative)

- Midterm (35%)
- Research Report (25%)
- Final exam (40%)

Course Readings

Course readings will be made available on the course learning tool and include journal articles in addition to the following textbooks:

- Bonilla-Silva, Eduardo. *Racism without Racists: Color-Blind Racism and the Persistence of Racial Inequality in America*. Rowman & Littlefield, 2021.
- Omi, Michael, and Howard Winant. *Racial Formation in the United States*. Routledge, 2014.