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University of Nicosia, Cyprus

Course Code SOC-202	Course Title Racial and Ethnic Relations	ECTS Credits 6
Department Social Sciences	Semester Spring	Prerequisites SOC-101
Type of Course 1 st Cycle	Field Psychology	Language of Instruction
Level of Course Undergraduate	Year of Study 2 nd	Lecturer(s) Dr David Officer
Mode of Delivery	Work Placement N/A	Co-requisites None
Recommended Optional Programme Components: N/A		

Objectives of the Course:

This course seeks to introduce students to the concepts of race and ethnicity by considering how these themes have evolved in the recent past. The course also considers the ‘social reality’ of race and ethnicity as ‘lived experiences’ and the ways in which race and ethnicity are also reproduced through state and institutional practice.

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course students are expected to be able to:

1. Define the key sociological concepts of race and ethnicity.
2. Critically evaluate the evolution of the categories within their historical context.
3. Assess the ways in which differing sociological theories seek to understand the categories of race and ethnicity.
4. Apply a sociological understanding of the ‘lived experience’ of race and ethnicity within the local setting.
5. Critically evaluate the relationship of race and ethnicity to related social dimensions of class and gender.

Course Content:

1. The origins of the category race
2. The West and the ‘other’
3. Slavery and the process of racialisation
4. Race, ethnicity and the politics of difference

5. Racism and discrimination

6. Racism/Anti-Racism
7. Conflict theory, symbolic interactionism and functionalism: Sociological perspectives on the significance of difference
8. Ethnicity and identity
9. Ethnicity and conflict
10. Ethnicity and the politics of recognition

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Interactive lectures.

Assessment Methods:

Oral contribution; workshop presentation; project.

Required Textbooks/Reading:

Authors	Title	Publisher	Year
Back, L. and Solomos, J. (eds.)	<i>Theories of Race and Racism</i>	Routledge	2007

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Authors	Title	Publisher	Year
Fenton, S.	<i>Ethnicity</i>	Cambridge	2003