A. Course Description

Credits:

Lab Hours/ Weeks: Corequisites: None

Lecture Hours/ Week :

MnTC Goals: Goal LS - Upper Division Liberal Studies, Goal 05 - Hist/Soc/Behav Sci, Goal 07 - Human Diversity

This course considers topics of current or relevant importance in either communities of color or in the field of ethnic studies and are offered for variable credit. Since the topics change from semester to semester consult the Class Schedule for specific topic listing. If more than one topics course is taken in fulfillment of the major, they must be different topics course titles. ** Note: this is a variable credit course with credit range of 1 - 4.

B. Course Effective Dates: 07/02/2002 - Present

C. Outline of Major Content Areas:

See Course Description for major content areas.

D. Learning Outcomes (General)

1. Analyze their own attitudes, behaviors, concepts and beliefs regarding diversity, racism, and bigotry
2. Demonstrate an awareness of the individual and institutional dynamics of unequal power relations between groups in contemporary society.
3. Describe and discuss the experience and contributions (political, social, economic, etc.) of the many groups that shape American society and culture, in particular those groups that have suffered discrimination and exclusion.
4. Employ the methods and data that historians and social and behavioral scientists use to investigate the human condition.
5. Examine social institutions and processes across a range of historical periods and cultures.
6. Understand the development of and the changing meanings of group identities in the United States, history and culture.
7. Use and critique alternative explanatory systems or theories. Develop and communicate alternative explanations or solutions for contemporary social issues.

E. Learning Outcomes (MN Transfer Curriculum)

Goal LS - Upper Division Liberal Studies

None

Goal 05 - Hist/Soc/Behav Sci

1. Use and critique alternative explanatory systems or theories.
2. Develop and communicate alternative explanations or solutions for contemporary social issues.
3. Examine social institutions and processes across a range of historical periods and cultures.

Goal 07 - Human Diversity

1. Demonstrate an awareness of the individual and institutional dynamics of unequal power relations between groups in contemporary society.
2. Analyze their own attitudes, behaviors, concepts and beliefs regarding diversity, racism, and bigotry.
3. Understand the development of and the changing meanings of group identities in the United States' history and culture.
4. Describe and discuss the experience and contributions (political, social, economic, etc.) of the many groups that shape American society and culture, in particular those groups that have suffered discrimination and exclusion.
5. Demonstrate communication skills necessary for living and working effectively in a society with great population diversity.
G. Special Information

None