

INTRODUCTION TO ETHNIC STUDIES

Sociology 168

3 Credit Hours

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Section 03

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Required Text: Parrillo, Vincent N. *Strangers to These Shores (Eighth Edition)*. Pearson/Allyn and Bacon: Boston, MA. 2006.

Course Description and Objective:

This course is designed to introduce students to the topic of ethnic studies in Sociology. At the outset of the semester, students will be exposed to the basic theoretical paradigms of the discipline. Subsequently, this knowledge will be employed to study ethnic and racial social relations, their interpretations, and pertinent debates in current scientific literature. The course will focus on several racial and ethnic groups, religious groups, and women in the United States. Students will become familiar with key concepts - such as culture, minority, ethnocentrism and stratification - and their analytic uses. This is a freshman level course.

Attendance:

I will take roll according to university policy. Tardiness will be not accepted. Students who are not present before 5 minutes after the start of class will be counted absent. Students who miss three or more classes will be penalized 3 points off of their total accumulated points for each class missed starting with their forth absence. Students who do not miss any class days and are not late to any classes will earn an additional 5 points toward their total accumulated points. EX: 355+5= A.

Student Absences on Religious Holy Days Policy:

Student Absences on Religious Holy Days Policy: Section 51.911(b) of the Texas Education Code requires that an institution of higher education excuse a student from attending classes or other required activities, including examinations, for the observance of a religious holy day, including travel for that purpose. Section 51.911 (a) (2) defines a religious holy day as: “a holy day observed by a religion whose places of worship are exempt from property taxation under Section 11.20...” A student whose absence is excused under this subsection may not be penalized for that absence and shall be allowed to take an examination or complete an assignment from which the student is excused within a reasonable time after the absence.

A student desiring to absent himself/herself from a scheduled class in order to observe (a) religious holy day(s) shall present to each instructor involved a written statement concerning the religious holy day(s). The instructor will complete a form notifying the student of a reasonable timeframe in which the missed assignments and/or examinations are to be completed.

For a complete listing of the university policy, see:

http://www.shsu.edu/~vaf_www/aps/documents/861001.pdf

The Americans with Disabilities Act

SHSU adheres to all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and guidelines with respect to providing reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities. If you have a disability that may affect adversely your work in this class, then I encourage you to register with the SHSU Counseling Center and to talk with me about how I can best help you. All disclosures of disabilities will be kept strictly confidential. NOTE: no accommodation can be made until you register with the Counseling Center.

For a complete listing of the university policy, see:

http://www.shsu.edu/~vaf_www/aps/811006.pdf

Exams and Grades:

There will be three multiple-choice exams offered during the semester. They will cover the chapters assigned during the weeks preceding the exam. These are not comprehensive exams. Make sure to attend class on exam days. Scheduling of academic or non-academic activities during any of the exam periods will not be considered a sufficient reason for granting a make up exam. There will be no cell phones or headphones allowed on exam

days. A total of 300 possible points will be available. Grades will be assigned according to the following chart:

Extra Credit: A five (5) point extra credit opportunity will be made available during the semester. The extra credit will be to watch the movie "A Class Divided" and answer a short quiz on the movie. A study guide will be provided – Date to be announced in class.

Grade Chart:

300 - 270	- A
269 - 240	- B
239 - 210	- C
209 - 180	- D
179-0	- F

Make up Exams:

Make up exams will be allowed **ONLY IN EXTRAORDINARY CASES.** In the event that a student could not attend one of the regularly scheduled exams, s/he must notify Ms. Cates prior to the exam. Additionally, s/he must justify his/her absence through verifiable documentation. Remember that make up exams are usually more difficult than regularly scheduled exams. It is in the student's interest to take regularly scheduled tests.

Lectures:

Lectures will be held on **M-F** from **12:00-1:50**. Before each lecture period, the student is to study the assigned readings in order to have a framework for understanding the material presented in the lecture. If a lecture is missed, it is important to obtain notes from another student.

Academic Dishonesty:

SHSU expects all students to engage in all academic pursuits in a manner that is above reproach. Students are expected to maintain complete honesty and integrity in the academic experiences both in and out of the classroom. Any student found guilty of dishonesty in any phase of the academic work will be subject to disciplinary action. Cheating on an exam, quiz and/or assignment is an act of dishonesty. Students who cheat will automatically receive the grade of 0 (zero) in the exam, quiz or assignment in question. Students who cheat more than once will receive an automatic F in the class. This statement is in accordance with SHSU Policy Statement 810213.

For a complete listing of the university policy, see:

<http://www.shsu.edu/administrative/faculty/sectionb.html#dishonesty>

Classroom Rules of Conduct:

As the instructor, I reserve the right to ask any student or students to leave class if I believe that their behavior is disruptive to the class and the learning environment. In other words, come to class prepared and be respectful to other students. Any other behavior will not be tolerated. **First offense will be a verbal warning, second offense written warning, third offense 2 point deduction, fourth – 4 point, fifth -6 point etc.**

For class discussion to run smoothly, all beepers and cell phones must be turned off during class time. I also ask if you hold a position which requires you to wear a firearm, such as police officers, you must remove your firearms prior to coming to class; in other words, no guns or other “types on weapons” in class.

Course Outline is subject to change.

First Class Day July 8th

The Study of Minorities Chapter 1
Culture and Social Structure Chapter 2
Prejudice and Discrimination Chapter 3
Dominant-Minority Relations Chapter 4

TEST ONE (July 15)

Northern and Western Europeans Chapter 5
Southern, Central, and Eastern Europeans Chapter 6
The Native Americans Chapter 7
East and Southeast Asian Americans Chapter 8
Other Asian and Middle Eastern Americans Chapter 9

TEST TWO (July 24)

No class on Friday July 25th

Black Americans Chapter 10
Hispanic Americans Chapter 11
Religious Minorities Chapter 12
Women as a Minority Group Chapter 13
The Ever-Changing U.S. Mosaic Chapter 14

No class on Friday Aug. 1st

FINAL EXAM (August 7th)