

Ethnic Minorities and Gender
Pol Sci 235, Section 01, CID 8255
Summer II 2008
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Course Objectives

The course has three primary objectives: students will learn to analyze and critically evaluate ideas, arguments, and points of view; students will acquire an interest in learning more by asking their own questions and seeking answers; and students will learn how to find and use resources for answering questions and solving problems.

Course Themes

The broad themes addressed in this course include: the roles race, gender, and ethnicity play in American government, politics, and public policies; political issues relevant to race, gender, and ethnicity; and

Class Format

The class format consists of a mixture of lecture, small group discussions, and student led discussions. During class discussions, we will not assume that there is a position on a particular political issue but rather that there are several positions all of which must be given consideration. Thus students are strongly encouraged to arrive at their own political positions. However, students must arrive at their opinions through active debate and informed reasoning. “Off the cuff” political opinions are not credible or productive to class learning.

Required Readings

The reading will included academic articles from the Newton Gresham Library’s databases, special reports from non-partisan research institutions, and textbooks chapters from the Newton Gresham Library’s electronic reserves.

Exams

There are two multiple choice exams. Each exam is weighted equally.

Class Policies

Extra Credit

Under NO circumstances will extra credit be offered in this course.

Make Up and Late Assignments

Students may submit late assignments only if they can provide formal documentation of a medical or family emergency. Late assignments will not be accepted if students fail to provide such documentation. Any student

who submits an assignment late without the required documentation will receive a zero on the assignment. Please note that slips from the University Health Center are not considered acceptable documentation, unless the slip clearly indicates that the student was too ill to attend class.

Please see <http://www.shsu.edu/syllabus> for class policies regarding: Academic Dishonesty, Classroom Rules of Conduct, Student Absences on Religious Holy Days, Students with Disabilities Policy, and Visitors in the Classroom.

Class Schedule

Please note that the class schedule is tentative and may be subject to change

Gay Marriage, Civil Rights, and Federalism

July 8 – 11 See Blackboard for assigned readings

Race, Gender, and Political Leadership

July 14 – 18 See Blackboard for assigned readings

July 21 **Exam 1**

Race, Gender, and Ethnicity, and Political Participation

July 22 – 24 See Blackboard for assigned readings

Race, Gender, Ethnicity, and Political Representation

July 28 – 31 See Blackboard for assigned readings

US Immigration Policy and Ethnicity

August 4 – 6 See Blackboard for assigned readings

August 7 **Exam 2**