SOCI 2319.22401 - Minority Studies (Winter 2017) | Online
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Catalog Course Description: This course studies minority-majority group relations, addressing their historical, cultural, social, economic, and institutional development in the United States. Both sociological and social psychological levels of analysis will be employed to discuss issues including experiences of minority groups within the context of their cultural heritage and tradition, as well as that of the dominant culture. Core concepts to be examined include (but are not limited to) social inequality, dominance/subordination, prejudice, and discrimination. Particular minority groups discussed may include those based on poverty, race/ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, age, disability, or religion. (3 Credit Hours).

Student Learning Outcomes (SLO)
Upon successful completion of this course, students will:
1. Explain how the concept of social inequality pertains to minority group status defined in terms of identities that may include: social class, race/ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, age, disability, or religion.
2. Differentiate between important concepts and theories of prejudice and discrimination including the effects of prejudice and discrimination on the everyday lives of minority group members in the context of social institutions.
3. Analyze the history of culture, experiences of inequality, and current life opportunities of various minority groups in the United States with contrasting reference to other countries.
4. Analyze minority group interactions in the United States focusing on immigration and migration patterns, assimilation processes, and adjustments to American life.

Subject Matter
- Diversity in the U.S.
- Ethnic Adaptation
- Assimilation & Pluralism
- Sociology of Immigration
- Prejudice
- Discrimination
- Native American Culture
- African American Culture
- Latino American Culture
- Asian American Culture
- Women as “Minorities”

Major Course Assignments & Examinations
All assignments are aligned to student learning outcomes and designed to give students an opportunity to integrate and synthesize their gained knowledge of Sociology using the following skills:
1. Critical Thinking Skills: The ability to think creatively, innovatively inquire, and analyze, evaluate and/or synthesize information.
2. Written and Visual Communication Skills: The ability to effectively develop, interpret and express ideas through written, oral and/or visual communication.
3. Empirical and Quantitative Skills: The ability to manipulate and analyze numerical data or observable facts resulting in informed conclusions.
4. Social Responsibility: The ability to demonstrate intercultural competence, knowledge of civic responsibility, and/or the ability to engage effectively in regional, national, and global communities.

Assignments may include but are not limited to the following:
- Course Assessment
- Moderated Class Discussions
- Objective-Item Exams
- Scholarly Journal Research
- Expository Essay/Analysis Paper

Required Textbook: The instructor will provide the required reading materials for the course.

Institutional Policies: All institutional policies affecting this course can be found at the following link:
https://www.brookhavencollege.edu/syllabusaddendum

Financial Aid Statement: If you are receiving Financial Aid grants or loans, you must show participation in this class prior to the December 13, 2017 certification date. Do not drop or stop attending any class without consulting the Financial Aid office. Changes in your enrollment level and/or failing grades may have adverse consequences. Phone: 972-860-4110. Course Withdrawal: If you are unable to complete this course, it is your responsibility to withdraw formally. The withdrawal request must be received in the Registrar’s Office by December 22, 2018 for Spring 2018. Failure to do so will result in your receiving a performance grade, usually an “F.” If you drop a class or withdraw from the college before the official drop/withdrawal deadline, you will receive a “W” (Withdraw) in each class dropped. For procedures see the Brookhaven College website and select A-Z for a listing.

NOTE: This is an abbreviated syllabus and is subject to change. A more detailed syllabus will be distributed to students by the instructor.