

ETHNIC POLITICS
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Please turn off cell phones and pagers before coming to class.

We will be using D2L as a supplementary information outlet.

TEXT: Schaefer, Racial and Ethnic Groups
Riordan, Plunkett of Tammany Hall

Movies:*** *Crash*
The Last Hurrah or Gangs of New York
Do the Right Thing or To kill a Mockingbird
Lone Star

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The central concern of this course is to provide students with an awareness of the political development of racial and ethnic minorities in today's political arena. To best meet this end, the course will look at the political history of racial and ethnic minorities of the 19th and 20th centuries.

The course will review the role of minorities and their impact on various political institutions in urban societies. It will compare and contrast the development of the white ethnic communities of the 19th century with our modern day racial and ethnic minorities. The key factor will be to give students a view of the unique nature of racial/ethnic politics as well as a historical context, which helps provide an understanding of today's political unrest.

GRADES:

Grades will be computed based on the four short essays (worth 25pts each), posted on D2L, which will reflect readings and movies. All essays will be a minimum of 300, maximum of 500 words (150 words is NOT 300 words!). There will be 4 exams as well and attendance will also be factored into your grade. Each student is expected to take every exam. A student will fail the course if he/she fails to take the four exams or if he/she misses more than six classes. If you miss four or more classes you will get no grade higher than a C. If you miss more than 3 classes you will not receive the attendance bonus. Student attendance will be used to determine final grades especially for those students who find themselves between two grades. I will explain my grading scale in class. Students are also expected to be prepared to answer questions and participate in class discussion. A tentative schedule of tests will be given to all students via E-mail and D2L announcements. Any changes will be announced in class. Study guides will be provided before each exam.

***Movies are considered part of the course. They must be seen.

***All students must check their email and news notes posted on D2L at least once a week.

Tentative Test Dates

Exam 1 September 27 Concepts and Definitions- Focus of exam will be on the first three chapters in the Schaefer book and on the first movie.

Exam 2 October 23 Immigration and the new Politics- This will cover chapters four and five in the Plunkett book.

Exam 3 November 20 Black political Emergence- Chapters seven and eight in the Schafer book.

Exam 4 December 13 The emergence of Hispanics in American Society- Chapters nine and ten in the Schaefer book and a movie.

ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT

The University believes that academic honesty and integrity are fundamental to the mission of higher education and of the University of Wisconsin System. The University has a responsibility to promote academic honesty and integrity and to develop procedures to deal effectively with instances of academic dishonesty. Students are responsible for the honest completion and representation of their work, for the appropriate citation of sources, and for respect of others' academic endeavors. Student who violate these standards are subject to disciplinary action. UWS Chapter 14 identifies procedures to be followed when a student is accused of academic misconduct. For additional information, please refer to the section in the Student Handbook titled, Student Academic Disciplinary Procedures.

RELIGIOUS BELIEFS ACCOMODATION

Board of Regents policy states that students' sincerely held religious beliefs shall be reasonably accommodated with respect to scheduling all examinations and other academic requirements. Students must notify the instructor, within the first three weeks of the beginning of classes (within the first week of summer session and short courses) of the specific days or dates on which they will request accommodation from an examination or academic requirement. For additional information, please refer to the section in the University Bulletin and the Timetable titled, Accommodation of Religious Beliefs.