

Racial and Cultural Minorities

Mitch Hall

Course Reading

TEXT: *Strangers to These Shores: Race and Ethnic Relations in the United States* by Vincent N. Parrillo
Text website: <http://www.abacon.com/parrillo>

READING: You are responsible for reading the relevant chapter of the textbook before the class meeting at which it is scheduled.

Course Description

GRADES:

The mid-term grade will be based on an average of the first two tests.

There will be five tests in all. The dates are listed in the following class schedule.

The final grade will be an average of tests (50%) and the final project (50%).

Students who wish to do extra credit projects need to make arrangements with the instructor.

TERM PROJECTS: Students will work in teams of up to six members to conduct research, make a final oral report in class, and submit a final written report. The research will be in the area of racial and ethnic relations. Research projects need the instructor's approval. Research that involves human subjects outside of the classroom will need approval from the University Committee on Human Subjects in Research. Guidelines for submitting proposals to the committee are available from the instructor. Acceptable research methodologies include surveys, participant observation, secondary analysis, documents, unobtrusive measures, and experiments. The schedule specifies dates when the topic and final written report are due.

Course Schedule

1- 13 Introduction

1-15 Chapter 1, The Study of Minorities

1-20 Chapter 2, Culture and Social Structure
1 -22

1-27 Chapter 3, Prejudice and Discrimination
1 -29

2-3 Chapter 4, Dominant-Minority Relations
2-5 Test on Chapters 1,2,3

2- 10 Chapter 5, Northern and Western Europeans
2-12 Term project research topic proposals due to be submitted in writing to instructor

2-17 Chapter 6, Southern, Central, and Eastern Europeans
2- 19

2-24 Chapter 7, The Native Americans
2-26 Test on chapters 4,5,6

Mid-semester grades due 2-27

3-3 Chapter 8, East Asian Americans

3-5

Spring semester break: 3-7 to 3-15

3-17 Chapter 9, Central and West Asian Americans

3-19

3-24 Chapter 10, African Americans

3-26 Test on Chapters 7,8,9

3-31 Chapter 11, Hispanic and Caribbean Americans

4-2

4-7 Chapter 12, Religious Minorities

4-9

4-14 Chapter 13, Women in America

4-16 Test on Chapters 10, 11, 12

4-21 Chapter 14, The American Mosaic Term Projects Due

4-23 Oral Presentations of Term Topics Begin today and continue next week.

4-28

4-30 Test on Chapters 13, 14

Semester Exams:5-3 to 5-8