History 7C: Race and Ethnicity in the U.S.
Spring 2012
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History 7C is part of a three-quarter course sequence exploring the history of racial and cultural difference in U.S. history. While this course uses the study of Mexican Americans and Mexican immigrants as central case-study examples, students will be encouraged to consider the broader and comparative dimension of regional and national history as well.

Required Reading (Books available at Groundwork Books, articles and documents available online):


Class Requirements/Student Evaluation:

This is primarily a lecture and discussion course and students expecting to do well should attend both lectures and discussion sections (which are mandatory). Attendance and participation in discussion sections will count for 30% of your grade. An open-book, open-note midterm examination in the form of an 8-10 page essay will account for another 30% of your grade. The final examination, another take-home assignment, will count for the remaining 40% of your grade. Please note: LATE EXAMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Class Schedule, Spring 2012:

Week 1—April 3, 5: RACE AND CITIZENSHIP IN THE AMERICAN TRADITION


Week 2—April 10, 12: SHIFTING MEANINGS OF RACE IN THE U.S.-MEXICO BORDER REGION AND BEYOND

READ: Vargas, Chapters 5-6; Mark Reisler, “Always the Laborer, Never the Citizen: Anglo Perceptions of the Mexican Immigrant during the 1920s,” Pacific

**Week 3—April 17, 19: INTEGRATION OR INTERNATIONALISM?**


**Week 4—April 24, 26: GRAPPLING WITH “WHITENESS”**  
[NOTE: ***Midterm will be distributed in class April 26***]


**Week 5—May 1, 3: WORLD WAR II AND THE ASSAULT ON RACE**  
[NOTE: ***No class—May 1. Midterm will be due in class, May 3***]


**Week 6—May 8, 10: REFORM AND REACTION IN THE LONG 1960S**

READ: Vargas, Chapter 10; Malcolm X, “The Ballot or the Bullet?” (1964); [http://www.edchange.org/multicultural/speeches/malcolm_x_ballot.html](http://www.edchange.org/multicultural/speeches/malcolm_x_ballot.html)  
467 F. 2d 142-Cisneros v. Corpus Christi Independent School District (1972); http://openjurist.org/467/f2d/142/cisneros-v-corpus-christi-independent-school-district

Week 7—May 15, 17: REFORM AND REACTION, II


Week 8—May 22, 24: ECONOMIC RESTRUCTURING AND THE IMMIGRATION DILEMMA


Week 9—May 29, 31: RESTRUCTURING AND THE DEMOGRAPHIC REVOLUTION

READ: Andreas, Chapters 3-5.

Week 10—June 5, 7: THE SHAPE OF THE FUTURE?