

Ethnic Studies Class Syllabus (2021 Spring Semester)

WELCOME!

The Ethnic Studies course is designed to give students an introduction to the experiences of ethnic communities. It is also a compelling way to examine race, ethnicity, nationality, and culture in the United States. The course equips students with a critical lens to see the world and their place in it by understanding systems and power at the root of American society. Through the Ethnic Studies course, students are supported to discover and use their own power for the benefit of not only themselves, but also that of their community and society at large.

COURSE CONTENT

- ❖ We will be exploring the experiences of different ethnic groups in the United States. We will be looking at the themes of identity, power and privilege, oppression, and resistance to understand the struggles and accomplishments different ethnic groups faced as a minority in the country.

*** In this class, we will be looking at and discussing tough subjects like race, oppression, privilege, and power systems within our country and culture. Please be respectful of different opinions.**

REQUIRED CLASSROOM SUPPLIES

Students will need to bring the following materials everyday to class in order to succeed in this course:

- Pencils/Pens
- Composition notebook
- Highlighter

GRADING POLICY

- **Late work will receive daily point deductions.**
- Make-up work, quizzes, and tests will be given for excused absences only. It is the student's responsibility to obtain assignments given during the absence.

| Areas | Scale |
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| Summative Assessments (35%) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Summative assessments include tests, projects, and oral presentations that will be given at the end of each unit. | A = 90%-100% B = 80%-89% C = 70%-79% D = 60%-69% F = 0%-59% |
| Quizzes (25%) | |
| Homework and Classwork (25%) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Homework is assigned on a regular basis and is EXPECTED to be turned in on time. | |
| Participation (15%) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Participate in class regularly. ● Each meeting will be 5 participation points. If there is a reason why you cannot attend class, please send me a message or email ASAP. Must send a message before 2:15 the same day. | |

RULES AND EXPECTATIONS

- Students **must** attend all scheduled Zoom-video classes.
- Students **must** respect the Zoom-video class time and not be doing anything else.
- Students are **highly encouraged** to have their cameras on during Zoom-video classes.
- Students **must** complete all assignments by the assigned due date.

CONSEQUENCES

Students who show disregard to the above expectations may expect point deductions and /or any of the following consequences: **(1) Verbal Warning (2) Conference with the teacher (3) Student/Teacher/Parent Conference, and or (4) Administrative Referral.**