

This course examines the concepts of race and ethnicity and their relationship to U.S. politics. In particular, we will study the significance of demographic change for the conduct of American politics with special emphasis on elections; the concept of descriptive representation and the significance of this form of representation for political outcomes; and the history and development of immigration policy and the politics surrounding policy reform in the U.S. The learning goals for this course include factual mastery of the material, effective oral and written communication, and enhanced critical thinking and analytical reasoning.