

POSC 442m

The Politics of Human Differences: Diversity and Discrimination

The purpose of this course is to explore the theoretical and reality of human differences, including prejudice and discrimination within the social sciences. Discrimination has seemingly been part of the human make-up since the beginning of time. Although societies have matured and attempted to move beyond this base element, discrimination still finds its way into everyday life. Throughout the semester, we will examine various marginalized groups within society based on race, gender, sexual orientation, and the like. Our goal is not to merely view the struggles of these groups from a historical perspective but also evaluate some of the mechanisms society has used in order to combat this issue such as the legal process as well as legislation at the federal and state levels.