This course is a relational study of race, racism, the racial systems created and how these orders and stereotypes have been challenged in the Americas.

As an interdisciplinary course, we will be drawing upon scholarship and sources from history, social sciences and humanities. We will be covering diverse topics such as colonization, nation-state identity building, manifest destiny, civil right movements, and artistic and cultural expressions of the past and the present.

While broad in scope, this course provides us with the opportunity to critically examine the transnational histories of racial formations from the perspective and voices of those who lived it and who contested these interlocked forms of structural marginalization. As a result, class members will learn to critically analyze how race and racial identities are created, lived, challenged, and transformed over time.