

COURSE SYLLABUS



COURSE TITLE: SOC-112: "Race" and Ethnicity in Canada

CLASS SECTION: 01

TERM: Winter 2023

COURSE CREDITS: 3

DELIVERY METHOD(S): Lecture

Camosun College campuses are located on the traditional territories of the Lək̓ʷəŋən and W̱SÁNEĆ peoples. We acknowledge their welcome and graciousness to the students who seek knowledge here.

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INSTRUCTOR DETAILS

NAME: Dr. Peter Ove

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OFFICE: Paul 226a

HOURS: Tues/Thurs 12:00-1:00pm

As your course instructor, I endeavour to provide an inclusive learning environment. However, if you experience barriers to learning in this course, do not hesitate to discuss them with me. Camosun College is committed to identifying and removing institutional and social barriers that prevent access and impede success.

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION

Students will explore the sociology of "race" and ethnicity within the context of contemporary Canadian multiculturalism. Students will examine how current understandings of "race" and ethnicity affect life in Canada and how racism and ethnocentrism function within Canadian political and social life. Students will also explore the legacies of colonialism in Canada and the roles of multiculturalism and anti-racism in overcoming inequality.

PREREQUISITE(S):

One of:

- C+ in English 12
- C in Camosun Alternative

CO-REQUISITE(S):

Not applicable

EXCLUSION(S):

Not applicable

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES / OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this course, a student will be able to:

Explain the relationships among key terms related to "race" and ethnicity, including racialization, racism, ethnocentrism, and multiculturalism.

Describe how "race" and ethnicity are constructed and used within Canadian political and social life.

Recognize anti-racist principles and activities and critically analyze their use in Canadian society.

Apply a sociological perspective to ethnic and racialized inequality in Canada.

Explain the primary effects of colonialism on Canadian society in general and on Indigenous Peoples in particular.

Critically analyze ideals and practices of multiculturalism in Canada.

Clearly communicate information about, and perspectives on, "race" and ethnicity in a discipline-appropriate manner.

REQUIRED MATERIALS & RECOMMENDED PREPARATION / INFORMATION

All required readings provided on course website.

COURSE SCHEDULE, TOPICS, AND ASSOCIATED PREPARATION / ACTIVITY / EVALUATION

The following schedule and course components are subject to change with reasonable advance notice, as deemed appropriate by the instructor.

WEEK or DATE RANGE	ACTIVITY or TOPIC	Assignments
Jan 10, 12	The Sociological Study of "Race" and Ethnicity	
Jan 17, 19	Multiculturalism and Minorities	
Jan 24, 26, 31, Feb 2	'Race' and Racialization	
Feb 7, 9, 14, 16	Ethnicity and Identity	Take-Home Exam #1: Available Feb 7 and due Feb 14
Feb 20-21	Reading Break	

WEEK or DATE RANGE	ACTIVITY or TOPIC	Assignments
Feb 28, Mar 2, 7, 9	Racism and Ethnocentrism	Essay #1: Due Mar 2
Mar 14, 16	Inequality and Intersectionality	Take-Home Exam #2: Available Mar 14 and due Mar 21
Mar 21, 23, 28, 30	Colonialism and Indigenous Peoples	
Apr 4, 6, 11, 13	Nationalism and the Nation	Essay #2: Due Apr 4
April 17-25	Exam Period	Take-Home Exam #3: Available Apr 11 and due Apr 18

Students registered with the Centre for Accessible Learning (CAL) who complete quizzes, tests, and exams with academic accommodations have booking procedures and deadlines with CAL where advanced noticed is required. Deadlines can be reviewed on the [CAL exams page](http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/exams.html). <http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/exams.html>

EVALUATION OF LEARNING

DESCRIPTION	WEIGHTING
Take-Home Exams	50
Essay #1	10
Essay #2	20

DESCRIPTION		WEIGHTING
Participation	Weekly Reflections	Every week, you must submit a reflection about your engagement with course readings. More information on this assignment will be provided on the course website. 10
	In-Class Assignments	Every week, there will be at least one group discussion assignment during class time. These assignments must be completed in class and cannot be completed alone. More information on this assignment will be provided on the course website. 10
TOTAL		100%

If you have a concern about a grade you have received for an evaluation, please come and see me as soon as possible. Refer to the [Grade Review and Appeals](http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.14.pdf) policy for more information.
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COURSE GUIDELINES & EXPECTATIONS

Class Attendance

There is no mandatory attendance in this class. However, attendance in class is expected and a significant portion of your grade is linked to your participation in small group discussions. Medical or other legitimate reasons for missing class will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Please contact me directly if you have to miss a class (see below for the procedure for missed assignments).

I am unable to waive your attendance during the entire semester due to medical or other reasons; being able to attend class is a requirement for registering in this class. This follows college policy and is designed to ensure your success in the course.

Missed or Late Assignment Procedure

If you cannot complete a take-home exam or essay on time and you have a reasonable excuse (illness, accident, family affliction, religious obligations, etc.), please contact me as soon as possible to discuss options to make up your work. If you do not have a reasonable excuse, I will still accept late exams or essays with a late penalty. Take-home exams will be assigned a 10% per day late penalty and essays will be assigned a 5% per day late penalty.

If you miss an in-class assignment or a reflection and you have a reasonable excuse, please let me know and your participation in for that discussion or reflection may be waived (it will not count for or against you and the remaining discussions will simply be worth a little more). You will not be asked to make up the assignment.

Please note: If you do not complete all required work for this course, you may be denied a passing grade.

SCHOOL OR DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION

Since I am currently the Chair of Social Sciences, you are welcome to bring up any concerns with the course directly with Dean or Associate Dean of the School of Arts and Science.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY

Enrolment at Camosun assumes that the student will become a responsible member of the College community. As such, each student will display a positive work ethic, assist in the preservation of College property, and assume responsibility for their education by researching academic requirements and policies; demonstrating courtesy and respect toward others; and respecting expectations concerning attendance, assignments, deadlines, and appointments.

SUPPORTS AND SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

Camosun College offers a number of services to help you succeed in and out of the classroom. For a detailed overview of the supports and services visit <http://camosun.ca/students/>.

Academic Advising	http://camosun.ca/advising
Accessible Learning	http://camosun.ca/accessible-learning
Counselling	http://camosun.ca/counselling
Career Services	http://camosun.ca/coop
Financial Aid and Awards	http://camosun.ca/financialaid
Help Centres (Math/English/Science)	http://camosun.ca/help-centres
Indigenous Student Support	http://camosun.ca/indigenous
International Student Support	http://camosun.ca/international/
Learning Skills	http://camosun.ca/learningskills
Library	http://camosun.ca/services/library/
Office of Student Support	http://camosun.ca/oss
Ombudsperson	http://camosun.ca/ombuds
Registration	http://camosun.ca/registration
Technology Support	http://camosun.ca/its
Writing Centre	http://camosun.ca/writing-centre

If you have a mental health concern, please contact Counselling to arrange an appointment as soon as possible. Counselling sessions are available at both campuses during business hours. If you need urgent support after-hours, please contact the Vancouver Island Crisis Line at 1-888-494-3888 or call 911.

COLLEGE-WIDE POLICIES, PROCEDURES, REQUIREMENTS, AND STANDARDS

Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

The College is committed to providing appropriate and reasonable academic accommodations to students with disabilities (i.e. physical, depression, learning, etc). If you have a disability, the [Centre for Accessible Learning](#) (CAL) can help you document your needs, and where disability-related barriers to access in your courses exist, create an accommodation plan. By making a plan through CAL, you can ensure you have the appropriate academic accommodations you need without disclosing your diagnosis or condition to course instructors. Please visit the CAL website for contacts and to learn how to get started:

<http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/>

Academic Integrity

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.13.pdf> for policy regarding academic expectations and details for addressing and resolving matters of academic misconduct.

Academic Progress

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.1.pdf> for further details on how Camosun College monitors students' academic progress and what steps can be taken if a student is at risk of not meeting the College's academic progress standards.

Course Withdrawals Policy

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.2.pdf> for further details about course withdrawals. For deadline for fees, course drop dates, and tuition refund, please visit <http://camosun.ca/learn/fees/#deadlines>.

Grading Policy

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.5.pdf> for further details about grading.

Grade Review and Appeals

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.14.pdf> for policy relating to requests for review and appeal of grades.

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(<http://camosun.ca/learn/calendar/current/procedures.html>) and the Grading Policy at

<http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.5.pdf>.

Medical / Compassionate Withdrawals

Students who are incapacitated and unable to complete or succeed in their studies by virtue of serious and demonstrated exceptional circumstances may be eligible for a medical/compassionate withdrawal. Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.8.pdf> to learn more about the process involved in a medical/compassionate withdrawal.

Sexual Violence and Misconduct

Camosun is committed to creating a campus culture of safety, respect, and consent. Camosun's Office of Student Support is responsible for offering support to students impacted by sexual violence. Regardless of when or where the sexual violence or misconduct occurred, students can access support at Camosun. The Office of Student Support will make sure students have a safe and private place to talk and will help them understand what supports are available and their options for next steps. The Office of Student Support respects a student's right to choose what is right for them. For more information see Camosun's Sexualized Violence and Misconduct Policy: <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.9.pdf> and camosun.ca/sexual-violence. To contact the Office of Student Support: oss@camosun.ca or by phone: 250-370-3046 or 250-3703841

Student Misconduct (Non-Academic)

Camosun College is committed to building the academic competency of all students, seeks to empower students to become agents of their own learning, and promotes academic belonging for everyone. Camosun also expects that all students to conduct themselves in a manner that contributes to a positive, supportive, and safe learning environment. Please review Camosun College's Student Misconduct Policy at <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.5.pdf> to understand the College's expectations of academic integrity and student behavioural conduct.

Changes to this syllabus: Every effort has been made to ensure that information in this syllabus is accurate at the time of publication. The College reserves the right to change courses if it becomes necessary so that course content remains relevant. In such cases, the instructor will give the students clear and timely notice of the changes.