

American Race: A Philadelphia Story

SNF Paideia Program

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Monday 12:00 – 3:00 PM

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Course Level: Introductory course; no prerequisites.

This course broadly links the academic study of race in the United States through a multi-disciplinary approach that situates specific themes on race within 1.) International Law, 2.) U.S. legal policies, and 3.) the Philadelphia region, home to the University. The historical and contemporary overview introduces key concepts of race and racialization through international and U.S. laws related to race, key theoretical methodologies, and major scholarly works. This extensive approach highlights the impact of race across multiple communities and students are pushed intellectually to see the impacts of racism within a legal framework across and among all Americans historically and presently. As each theme is introduced, we will be in conversation with community leaders with expertise on that topic, from various Philadelphia organizations.

“American Race: A Philadelphia Story” is part of the Stavros Niarchos Foundation (SNF) Paideia Program.

Required and Recommended Readings:

All articles, chapters, links, and films are available on the Canvas website.

Essential Course Policies:

Attendance: Attendance in class as well as active participation during all discussions is a key aspect of your grade.

Participation: Part of the education process stems from intellectual interaction with peers, not just from professors, speakers, and readings. *Everyone* brings their unique insight to the class, and we can all benefit from it.

Assignments:

Assignment 1: Five Reflection Papers: 25% total (5 at 5 points each)

Assignment 2: Group Project: 30%

Assignment 3: Final Paper: 30%

Attendance and Participation: 15%