

# ANTH 150

## RACE, CULTURE, AND POWER

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### **COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES**

The aim of this course is to introduce students to the discipline of anthropology's role in framing notions of race and how this concept is often intertwined with ideologies of culture and power. We will explore how the discipline has shifted from ideologies around scientific racism to understandings that race is a socially constructed notion produced by people to frame hierarchies of power over other people. We will also examine the scholarly works of anthropologists who are currently encountering, critically examining, and challenging notions of race with respect to their own positionality and ethnographic fieldwork. Through a series of readings, films, and lectures, this course will provide a better understand of how the concepts of race, culture, and power impact the everyday lives of people who are often placed under the "gaze" of anthropologists. The course ends by considering directions for future research on race, culture, and power in anthropology. Students will examine anti-racist praxis in relation to moving anthropology forward as a discipline. The course objectives include the following:

- Introduce students to anthropological scholarship and scholars writing about discourses on race, culture, and power.
- Provide students with the opportunity to critically engage with how anthropologists have constructed discourses on race within the discipline.
- Assist students in examining various themes around race and culture, and how hierarchies of power impact the lives of peoples around the world.

### **SKILLS DEVELOPMENT**

- Explain how the discipline of anthropology contributed to framing discourses on race.
- Describe and explain anthropological scholarship on race, culture, and power.
- Analyze and critique the positionality of anthropologists in terms of fieldwork.
- Reflect on the impact of race as a social construct in relation to acts of racism.

**NOTE: This online course is a combination of synchronous and asynchronous teaching and learning. We will meet via zoom on Mondays for synchronous lecture sessions and discussion and Thursdays will be the asynchronous portion of the course.**