

Philosophy 170 Philosophy and Race Spring 2009

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CSB 004
MWF 11:00-12:50
Office Hours
W 12:00 -1:00
F 12:00-1:00

Class Schedule (Subject to Adjustment)

1. What is Race?

Friday	Sept 22	<i>First Meeting</i>
Monday	Sept 26	<i>What is the "racialist concept of race?"</i>
Wednesday	Sept 28	Appiah (30-70) 54-56, 67-74. Blum 109-146.
Friday	Sept 30	Omi & Winant 61-62. Taylor 98-100
Monday	Oct 3	<i>What is the "minimalist concept of race?"</i>
Wednesday	Oct 5	Hardimon 437-55. Blum167-174. Omi and Winant 14-35
Friday	Oct 7	Taylor 53-63
Monday	Oct 10	<i>What is the "concept of socialrace?"</i>
Wednesday	Oct 12	Blum 176-174. Omi & Winant 53-61,64-65
Friday	Oct 14	
Monday	Oct 17	<i>Is there a "biological concept" of race?</i>
Wednesday	Oct 19	Appiah 67-74. Blum 147-163
Friday	Oct 21	

First Two-page Paper due in class Friday, October 21

2. What is Racism?

Monday	Oct 24	<i>What is "ideological racism"?</i>
Wednesday	Oct 26	Blum 3-10, 40 Shelby (Racism) 411-420
Friday	Oct 28	
Monday	Oct 31	<i>What is "agential racism"?</i>
Wednesday	Nov 2	Glasgow 64-93
Friday	Nov 4	
Monday	Nov 7	<i>What is "institutional racism"?</i>
Wednesday	Nov 9	Blum 22-26 181nn78,79,186n73, 186-187n76
Friday	Nov 11	Veterans Day

Second Two-page paper due in class Monday, November 14

3. What is Racial Identity?

Monday	Nov 14	<i>What is "racial identification"?</i>
Wednesday	Nov 16	Appiah 74-105
Friday	Nov 18	
Monday	Nov 21	<i>Are racial identities to be affirmed? I</i>
Wednesday	Nov 23	Shelby (Foundations) 231-266
Friday	Nov 25	Thanksgiving Break
Monday	Nov 28	<i>Are racial identities to be affirmed? II</i>
Wednesday	Nov 30	Alcoff 1-20
Friday	Dec 2	

Five-page paper due in class Friday, December 2

Review Session: Friday December 2 7:00-9:00 H&SS 7077
Final Exam: Tuesday December 6 11:30 – 2:30 am

Required Texts (Available for Purchase at Groundwork Books)

Alcoff	"What Should White People Do?"*	
Appiah & Gutmann	<i>Color Consciousness</i>	Princeton U Press
Blum	<i>I'm Not a Racist, but...</i>	Cornell U. Press
Omi & Winant	<i>Racial Formation and the United States</i>	Routledge
Shelby, T.	<i>Is Racism in the Heart?*</i>	<i>Ethics</i>
---	<i>Foundations of Black Solidarity*</i>	<i>Journal of Social Philosophy</i>
Taylor	<i>Race</i>	Polity Press

*Available On-line

Requirements

Regular attendance, class participation, one in-class exam, two 2-page papers, final examination. All work must be completed to receive a passing final grade.

Papers

Topics will be assigned in class. Due dates subject to revision. Students are required to hand in a hard copy in class on due date *and* to submit an identical copy electronically to [http:// www.turnitin.com](http://www.turnitin.com). Class ID: 4385201. Password: classpass123 (no caps, one word)

Extensions will be granted when circumstances warrant *provided arrangements are made with the instructor at least 24 hours in advance*. There are no automatic extensions. It is better to ask for an extension sooner rather than later. Except in unusual circumstances (e.g. medical emergencies, a disaster that strikes the student or the immediate family), unexcused late papers are subject to the penalty of being dropped at least one letter grade e.g. B>C.

Interpretations or ideas borrowed, directly or indirectly, from secondary sources or other people (apart from the instructor but including fellow students) must be footnoted. Any use of web-based material must be footnoted. Anything else is plagiarism and will be treated as such. Students are encouraged to discuss paper topics but must write the papers **alone**.

Students are responsible for making and keeping an extra copy of their paper in case the original is lost.

Grade Weights

2-Page Papers	30% (15+15)
5- Papers	30%
Final	40 %
Total	100%

Participation 10 possible bonus points. Class participation can only bring grades *up*, never down.

Grade Range

Papers in Philosophy 170 are not graded on a curve. Each student can in principle receive an A. The same holds true for less desirable grades.

The minimal standard of performance for a grade of P shall be the same as that for a grade of C- (including a C- on the final).

Other Information

Students are expected to have read the material in advance, to bring the text, and to be prepared discuss it in class.

The Academic Honor Code must be observed in this course. Cheating will not be tolerated. Anyone caught cheating will receive an automatic F for the course and be referred to the ADHB for disciplinary action.

If accommodations are needed for a disability or religious reasons, please notify the instructor during the first class period or as soon as possible.