

HILD 7B: Race and Ethnicity in the United States
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Course Description

History 7B, part of a three-quarter sequence on race and ethnicity in American history, focuses on the experiences of people of Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Filipino, South Asian, and Southeast Asian descent in the context of U.S. history from the 18th century to the present. We will examine the local, national, and global contexts that shaped Asian Americans' lives, paying particular attention to themes such as migration, gender, race, citizenship, nationalism, and community and family formation. We will also consider violence, coalitional and transnational politics, and the politics of representation.

Required Reading (Available at the UCSD Bookstore and on reserve at Geisel Library):

Lon Kurashige and Alice Yang Murray, *Major Problems in Asian American History*
Ben Fong-Torres, *The Rice Room: Growing up Chinese American, From Number Two Son to Rock 'n' Roll*

Class Requirements and Student Evaluation:

Students are expected to attend class meetings and complete assigned readings. Cell phones should be turned off or switched to "silent" mode during lectures.

Course grades will be determined on the following scale:

- 20% Section Attendance and Participation
- 20% Paper
- 20% Midterm Exam
- 40% Final Exam

Students must complete all four of these requirements in order to pass the class. More than three unexcused absences from section will result in a failing grade for the course.

Late Policy

Incompletes and extensions will not be given, nor will late work be accepted, except in documented cases of serious illness or acute personal crisis (upon immediate notification of the instructor or teaching assistant).

Academic Dishonesty

Plagiarism and cheating are not tolerated by the UCSD Policy on Integrity of Scholarship. Please become familiar with this policy and its definition of academic dishonesty, which are available in the UCSD General Catalog and online at www.ucsd.edu/catalog/0506/front/AcadRegu.html.

Class Schedule

Week 1

January 9 Course Introduction
January 11 International Context of Migration
January 13 Democracy and Citizenship in the U.S.
Read: Kurashige and Murray, 1-22; 29-33; 34-54; 80-87

Week 2

January 16 **Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday: No Class**
January 18 Chinese Migration
January 20 Hawaiian Plantations and Japanese and Korean migrants
Read: Kurashige and Murray, 54-75; 78-79; 96-116; 123-127

Week 3

January 23 Immigration Restriction and Exclusion
January 25 American Empire and the Philippines
January 27 Gender, Social Networks, and Family Formation

Read: Kurashige and Murray, 127-131; 138-155; 163-167; 199-205; 215-225.

Week 4**Paper Due Friday, February 3**

January 30 Labor Politics, Coalitions, and Violence
February 1 "Alien Race" and Property Rights
February 3 Struggles over American Citizenship

Read: Kurashige and Murray, 116-123; 132-137; 230-247

Week 5

February 6 Naturalization and Defining Race
February 8 Nationalism and Anti-Colonial Movements
February 10 The Great Depression

Read: Kurashige and Murray, 155-163; 167-178; 249-260; 270-283.

Week 6

February 13 **Midterm Exam**
February 15 Asian Exoticism and Hollywood Spectacle
February 17 Race, Citizenship, and War

Read: Kurashige and Murray, 206-214; 260-269; 285-297; 304-310

Week 7

February 20 **Presidents' Day Holiday: No Class**
February 22 Pearl Harbor and Internment
February 24 Limits to American Freedom

Read: Kurashige and Murray, 298-304; 310-327; 341-345; Fong-Torres, Prologue, Ch. 1-3.

Week 8

February 27 Cold War and Immigration Reform
March 1 Anti-Communism and Asian America
March 3 Vietnam War and Asian American Transformations

Read: Kurashige and Murray, 330-340; 345-356; Fong-Torres, Ch. 4-11.

Week 9

March 6 Refugee Experiences
March 8 America Remade: Post-1965 Immigration and Civil Rights
March 10 Globalization and Transnationalism

Read: Kurashige and Murray, 357-362; 370-375; 388-426; 23-29; Fong-Torres, Ch. 12-20.

Week 10

March 13 Asian American Politics
March 15 Contemporary Asian America: Culture
March 17 Conclusions

Read: Kurashige and Murray, 427-430; 442-467; 501-521; Fong-Torres, Ch. 21-25.