# **Canvas (Online)**

# **SOCI 4540 / Race and Ethnic Minorities**

# **Fall 2023 / 8/21-12/15 2023 (16 Weeks)**

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## **Important Dates and Times**

Course Starts August 21st

Most Assignments Due Saturdays before midnight (11:59 p.m.)

Last Week of Course December 11th – December 14th

Course Ends December 14th at midnight

## **Course Description**

4540. Race and Ethnic Minorities. 3 hours. Conditions and distribution of race and ethnic minorities; socio-psychological and cultural factors in race and ethnic relations; pattern of relations in the United States with emphasis on the Southwest and on social services. Satisfies the Cross-cultural, Diversity and Global Studies requirement of the University Core Curriculum.

## **Course Structure**

This course is delivered 100% online in Canvas. It is a 16-week course. There will be 16 active modules including the introduction, and each module can have multiple lessons with assignments and assessments that will be due that week. This course consists of quizzes, written assignments, and a final exam.

## **Course Prerequisites or Other Restrictions**

There are no prerequisites for the course, but you are expected to be familiar with Canvas using tools such as quizzes and discussions. For simplicity, all materials for the course will be delivered through, and all assignments will be uploaded to, the **modules** section. Additionally, to be successful in this course you will need to:

* Cite sources in your writing, giving credit to where you obtain information.
* Network with others and utilize tact when engaging other students, TA’s, or the instructor of record.
* Make the commitment to spend at least 10 hours a week reading the assignments, reflecting on the material covered, and participating in other activities throughout the course.

## **Course Objectives**

By the end of this course, students will be able to:

1. Understand and Remember material from Iceland's text.
2. Articulate views on race and ethnicity.
3. Evaluate how social change is expressed in popular culture.
4. Analyze popular culture by applying a sociological perspective.
5. Reflect on the process of learning about social change.

## **Required Materials**

A group of people sitting on a bench

Description automatically generated with medium confidence

The only required materials in the course are John Iceland’s textbook, Race and Ethnicity in America (2017), and research articles that will be provided for you to complete the Research Article Summaries. You can acquire the book in several ways, depending on your personal preference. Regardless of which modality you choose, you should obtain your book through the UNT bookstore on campus.

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## **Teaching Philosophy**

My personal approach to teaching this course involves creating an online atmosphere where students can broaden their perspective on the changing structure of race relations, racial divisions, and racial inequality in the United States and elsewhere and really come to understand the changes that have occurred over the last 60 years. To do this, students must cooperate by embracing the material in the assigned text so that they can come to understand the changing nature of race and ethnic relations. Students are expected to carefully read the text assigned and critically think about the changing nature of race and ethnicity, multiracial identities, and international immigration.

## **Course Technology & Skills**

### **Technical Requirements and Skills**

Here is a list of the minimum technology requirements for students for this course:

* Working Computer
  + If your Internet is out or if your personal computer has an issue, you are expected to use the computer clusters on campus to complete your work.
  + If it is not possible to go to campus, please find another working computer with reliable Internet access to complete your work.
* Reliable internet access
* Microsoft Office Suite
* Uploads to Canvas have been set to only accept .pdf .doc .docx files.
  + If the instructor or TA cannot open your document, you will be awarded a zero.
* Note that Canvas does not interface well with Pages and Google Docs. Do not upload your files using these word processing systems.

### **Rules of Engagement**

Here are some general guidelines for the way students are expected to interact with each other and with their instructor and TA online:

* While the freedom to express yourself is a fundamental human right, any communication that utilizes cruel and derogatory language on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, or any other characteristic protected under applicable federal or state law will not be tolerated.
* Treat your instructor and classmates with respect in any communication online or face-to-face, even when their opinion differs from your own.
* Ask for and use the correct name and pronouns for your instructor and classmates.
* Speak from personal experiences. Use “I” statements to share thoughts and feelings. Try not to speak on behalf of groups or other individual’s experiences.
* Use your critical thinking skills to challenge other people’s ideas, instead of attacking individuals.
* Avoid using all caps while communicating digitally. This may be interpreted as “YELLING!”
* Be cautious when using humor or sarcasm in emails or discussion posts as tone can be difficult to interpret digitally.
* Avoid using “text-talk”. This is not permitted by your instructor.
* Proofread and fact-check your sources.
* Keep in mind that online posts can be permanent, so think first before you type.

## **Late Work and Missing Work**

All assignments should be submitted by the indicated dates and times embedded in the syllabus. There will be no extensions, except in cases of documented emergencies. Incompletes must be requested in writing at least one week before Final Exam Week, must be accompanied by documentation of the reason that the course cannot be completed before the end of the semester, and are only considered if at least 50% of course exams & assignments have been completed with a passing grade. There is **no extra credit** available for this course.

* In the event of a legitimate emergency, students are to contact the instructor to arrange for an online meeting (via Zoom, FaceTime, or Skype) to discuss the missed assignment.
* If your emergency situation is serious, the instructor may recommend that you contact the Dean of Students to receive a blanket excuse for all of your courses.
* Whenever possible, students should strive to contact the instructor **prior to** missing an assignment. Extensions are periodically granted if asked for in advance of missing an assignment.
* Note that each student is allowed **only one documented emergency** per semester.

## **Course Requirements**

Below are listed the required assignments and point values for the course.

## **Assignments and Point Values**

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| **Assignment Description** | **Points/Percentage** |
| **9 Quizzes**   * The first quiz is the Syllabus Quiz and it is **required** by all students in Week One of the course. It is worth 100 points.   **Iceland Chapter Quizzes**   * There are 8 more chapters over the Iceland text. * Each quiz is worth up to 100 points | 900 Points / 53% |
| **2 Research Article Summaries**   * Research Article Summary 1 – Panethnicity and Immigration * Research Article Summary 2 – Multiracial Dynamics | 200 Points / 12% |
| **Song Assignment Paper** | 300 Points / 18% |
| **Final Exam** | 300 Points / 18% |
| **Total** | 1700 Pts / 100% (rounding) |

## **Grading Scale**

At the end of the semester, your grade will be based on the Grading Scale below.

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| **Percent** | **Letter Grade** |
| 90-100% of 2200 Points | A |
| 80-89% of 2200 Points | B |
| 70-79% of 2200 Points | C |
| 60-69% of 2200 Points | D |
| 59% or less of 2200 Points | F |

## **More Details on Course Assignments**

### **Syllabus Quiz (100 Points)**

### At the end of week one of the course, all students are required to take the Syllabus quiz. If you’ve read the syllabus and poked around in Canvas, you will do fine on the Syllabus quiz.

### **Iceland Chapter Quizzes (800 Points)**

After reading each chapter in the Iceland text, students are required to take a short 30-minute Quiz. If you have carefully read the chapter and have taken good notes while you read, you should do very well on the Quizzes.

#### **Details**

* There is a quiz for each chapter in the Iceland text (8).
  + Students are required to take all of the quizzes.
* Quizzes open on Sunday at 12:00 a.m. of each week and close on Saturday at midnight (11:59 p.m.). This means everyone has seven days to complete each of quiz.
  + **NOTE:** If you do not finish your quiz before midnight, the quiz will count as a zero. Even if you’ve started the quiz and answered some of the questions, the system will not count any of your work. You must finish and submit your quiz before the deadline.
* Each Quiz is worth 100 Points.
* As you take the quiz, you will be presented with 10 true or false or multiple choice questions.
* Each student will be presented with a random set of questions drawn from a test bank. All answers can be found in the Iceland text. Answers range from easy to moderate or difficult.
* Students are allowed 30 minutes to complete each quiz. After 30 minutes your quiz will automatically submit, and your grade will be recorded in the grade book.
* You are only permitted one attempt on each quiz.
* Quizzes are open book and students can use their notes to take the quizzes.
* Students should not work with others to complete the quizzes.
* If you miss a quiz, the grade book will be populated with a zero. Again, students should not miss more than one quiz in this course.

### **Final Exam (300 Points)**

Students are responsible for mastering all of the material in the Iceland text. At the end of the semester students will be well-situated to demonstrate their learning from the entire course in a Final Exam.

#### **Details**

* The Final Exam is worth up to 300 points.
* As you take the exam, you will be presented with a combination of 100 true or false and multiple choice test questions to answer.
* Exam questions will be separated into sections for each chapter.
* There is only one best answer for each question.
* You are permitted 1 and one-half hours to take the test (90 minutes). After that, your exam will automatically submit, and your grade will be recorded in the grade book.
* You are only permitted one attempt on the exam.
  + **NOTE:** If you do not finish your test before midnight, the test will count as a zero. Even if you’ve started the test and answered some of the questions, the system will not count any of your work. You must finish and submit your test before the deadline.
* The exam is open book and students can use their own notes while taking the exam.
* Students should not work with others when taking the exam.
* If you miss the final exam, you have missed your opportunity to earn these points in the course.
* The course is considered over after the Final Exam time ends.

**Research Article Summaries (200 Points)**

You will be asked to write **two** research article summaries during the semester. For each summary, you will be allowed to choose between a few preselected articles. You will read an original piece of research on a topic closely related to course themes. The purpose of the assignment is for you to become familiar with the principles of social science research, including how social scientists motivate their studies (i.e., how they make a case for the topic's importance), how they build on prior research (e.g., through the use of theories and concepts from other studies), and how they collect and analyze their data. You will be asked to accurately summarize the study as well as provide a critical assessment of its strengths, its weaknesses, and its relevance to the course. The skills you learn from this assignment are meant to help you be critical consumers of research (for example, when you hear or read about research studies in the news or if you go on to conduct research yourself). Use the rubric to make sure your assignment meets all the criteria.

* Most research articles include an abstract with a summary of the main points and findings of the study which is useful for organizing your summary.
* Read the article thoroughly – preferably more than once – to make sure you are really understanding the arguments and conclusions being made.
* **Do NOT copy and paste**text directly or quote extensively from the research article – your research summary should use your own words to paraphrase the relevant points from the article.

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| **Research Summary Rubric** | | | |
| **Criteria** | **Ratings** | | **Pts** |
| Comprehension  • Clearly describes the motivation for the study • Identifies the theories and/or conceptual framework used in the study • Accurately describes the study’s data and methods • Demonstrates understanding of the study’s primary findings | 40 pts  Full Marks | 0 pts  No Marks | 40 pts |
| This criterion is linked to a Learning Outcome Critical Analysis  • Provides a thoughtful and well-supported critical assessment of the article • Draws clear connections between the article and other course materials and/or contemporary events | 50 pts  Full Marks | 0 pts  No Marks | 50 pts |
| Composition  • Paper is clearly written and organized with minimal spelling or grammatical errors • Full citation is provided, properly formatted in ASA-style | 10 pts  Full Marks | 0 pts  No Marks | 10 pts |
| Total Points: 100 | | | |

### **Song Assignment (300 Points)**

## **Introduction**

## Song Assignments are fun! Many students really like them. Here are some reasons why students enjoy this assignment:

1. You get to pick a song related to race and ethnic relations – any song out there is game for this assignment – I mean ANY;
2. You then listen to it over and over, find and print the lyrics, then read the lyrics to really get at the bottom of the sociological meaning of the song; and
3. Finally, you are asked to write a very structured paper applying what you’ve learned about race and ethnic minorities from Iceland’s text to the lyrics of the song you pick.

Think of this paper as a creative way for you to show me how much you’ve learned in the course. Also, think of this paper as a very structured **WRITTEN EXAM** that culminates into a fabulous paper that you can be proud of! By written exam I mean that there are very specific things that go in each paragraph of your paper. If you follow the directions carefully, you won’t miss any of them.

## **Song Assignment Explained**

This assignment requires you to analyze the popular cultural medium of music and make connections between the material in the course (Iceland’s text) and what the song says in the lyrics (i.e., words to the song).

* The **objective** is for you to show me that **you’ve read** and can think critically about society using the popular cultural medium of music.
* The **goal** is to connect different material from the chapters in Iceland -- the terms, concepts, ideas, studies, and theories – to the lyrics of a song and then explain the connection. This means, you should really think deeply and critically about the lyrics and how they depict the social world as far as race and ethnic relations go.
* The **major focus** of this paper is the **lyrics** and not the artist, not the group, not the album, not the period when the song was written, not the music video, etc… Do not stray from an analysis of the lyrics. If you do, you will automatically receive a zero (0) and I will stop grading your paper. This paper is simply about making connections between what you **learn in Iceland** and what **the song says in the lyrics**.

## **Preparing to Write**

## As you read the Iceland text, try to think of songs that match the material that Iceland is discussing. It is a good idea to mark passages and pages where different songs come to mind. This will be helpful when it comes time to write. Once you pick a song to analyze, listen to the song multiple times and print out the lyrics to read and think about as many times as needed.

**BEWARE!**  It is okay to watch the music video of the song you pick to get your sociological imagination flowing, but **DO NOT ANALYZE WHAT YOU SEE IN THE VIDEO IN YOUR PAPER**. Your analysis and writing should be solely **about the lyrics of the song**. If you begin to discuss what you see in a video, or what actors do in a video, you will automatically earn zero (0) on this assignment. To be safe, **don’t mention any videos at all**. To be clear, we are analyzing the words in a song. What do they mean? How do they apply/connect to the material in Iceland? What does it mean about society that someone has written a song...with this message?

## **Formatting**

* I recommend using Microsoft Word.
  + NOTE: Google Docs does not interface well with learning management systems. Do not use Google Docs.
  + NOTE: Pages does not interface well with learning management systems. I do not recommend using Pages.
* Your paper should have one of the following document endings: .doc  .docx   .pdf
* If the instructor (or TA) cannot open your paper, you will receive a zero (0). If you do not contact one of them within one week of earning the zero (0), the grade will stick.
* **Use MLA formatting for this paper.** 
  + **For more help using MLA, visit the Purdue Owl at:** <https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/mla_style/mla_formatting_and_style_guide/mla_formatting_and_style_guide.html>
* For an example Works Cited page using MLA formatting, click on this URL: <https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/mla_style/mla_formatting_and_style_guide/mla_sample_works_cited_page.html>
* For an example Page 1 using MLA formatting, click on this URL: <https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/mla_style/mla_formatting_and_style_guide/mla_general_format.html>

## **Instructions for What to Write and More about How to Format**

1. At the top left of page one of your **Word** document double space the following: your name, my full name, the course name and number, and the date. Your page one heading should look like this:

Mr. Curtis Joseph

Race and Ethnic Minorities, SOCI 4540

Current Date

1. Give your paper a title – preferably the name of the song and artist. Do not bold or underline your title. Simply center it. Your title should look like this:

*Fuck the Police* by N.W.A.

1. Make sure to get the running header at the top right correct. It should be your last name and page number and should not start on page 1. Start it on page 2 and continue all the way to the Works Cited. Your running header should be right justified. Mine would look like this:

Your Last Name 2

1. Double space the content of your Song Assignment. Do not turn in a single-spaced paper.
   * Be careful not to put too much space in between paragraphs. If you do this, it is not MLA formatting. Sometimes Word has a setting turned on that automatically puts extra space in between paragraphs. This should be set to 0 in your paragraph formatting in Word.
2. In the **Introduction** **(1 paragraph),** tell me the following: a) What song you picked: b) Why you picked this particular song; c) What the song means to you personally; d) What makes you think about this song in a sociological manner; and then tell me e) How the song you picked fits Iceland’s book in a very general manner. To complete this last bit of criteria you must use Iceland’s text to explain. **This means, you must directly quote Iceland as part of your explanation.**When you quote Iceland, be sure to use quotation marks and afterwards cite Iceland like this: (Iceland Page#).

**NOTE**: All paragraphs in this assignment should be at least 8-10 sentences in length. If your paragraphs are not fully developed into 8-10 sentences (minimum), you won't reach the minimum length requirement and you will lose points in the paragraph and for not meeting the minimum page length required.

1. The next part of your paper are the **analytic paragraphs (APs)**. This part of your paper should consist of **3-4 paragraphs.** Each analytic paragraph should do three things:

* First, identify a concept, term, study, or theory from the Iceland’s book that BEST fits the song you picked. To do this directly quote Iceland. Then, tell me about what you quoted. What does it mean about race and ethnicity? How is it relevant to the connection you are about to make? Quotes should look like this:

Iceland believes that “…it is likely that darker-skinned Hispanics may face many of the same discriminatory obstacles that blacks do” (Iceland 6-7).

* Second, connect the concept, term, study, or theory you mention to a portion of the song (the lyrics). Quote the song lyrics in your writing to show me the connection. **When quoting the lyrics for your song, always italicize them so they stand out.** Quotes should look like this:

This makes me think about the line in the song that goes, “Fuck the police comin’ straight from the underground / A young nigga got it bad ‘cause I’m brown” (N.W.A.)

1. Third, show me that you understand what the concept, term, study or theory from Iceland means by explaining the connection you are attempting to make. This part of each analytic paragraph can be critical about society or it can be in the form of agreement or disagreement with the meaning of the connection. This is where YOUR IDEAS matter. So, what you think matters in this paper. This means tell me what YOU think the connection means or why it is important to note about society. Why does Iceland (or other social science researchers) study whatever it is you’re discussing? Why would song writers write a song about the same thing? What does it all mean about society?  To put it differently, you are telling me the BIG SO WHAT about race and ethnic relations?

REPEAT THIS PROCESS 3-4 TIMES!

1. Next **(1 paragraph),**tell me if you think the song you personally picked depicts the social world in a positive or negative light (+, or –, or maybe both). First, take a very clear stance. Then, support your stance by showing lyrics that indicate positive, negative, or both. Quote lyrics in this paragraph (see example above). **Be sure to italicize them.**Do not use anything from Iceland in this paragraph. Make a case for your stance. Be clear. Then, end the paragraph by discussing the impact this song would have on others if only they would carefully listen to the lyrics. Say something like this: “If only others would really listen to the lyrics of this song, they might…”

**NOTE ABOUT STANCE:** If you say that the song depicts society in both a positive and negative light, in your writing show lyrics on both sides demonstrating your complicated stance. This means show lyrics that depict society in a positive way AND lyrics that depict society in a negative way and then provide an explanation for each.

1. In the **Conclusion** **(1 paragraph),**discuss: 1) your reaction to the song now that you’ve thought about it sociologically; 2) reflect on the song and this assignment; 3) explain how this assignment affected your perception of the song; and 4) explain specifically **what you learned about sociology** by completing this assignment. Use examples from Iceland.

NOTE: This is my favorite part of the paper to grade!). Say something like: “I learned…” or “This assignment helped me develop an understanding of…”

1. Please use your **BEST COLLEGE WRITING** for this assignment. Everyone makes minor errors now and then. The instructor (and TA) understand this. However, if your paper is full of writing mistakes or sloppily written, you will lose substantial points. Take care to review your writing before submitting. One “once-over” for minor errors usually does the trick. You can also visit the Writing Center on campus for help. You can also contact them online.
2. Include a **Works Cited** page at the end of your writing. The Works Cited should be on its own page. The Works Cited should only have the Iceland text and your song selection listed. That’s it! No other sources are required for this paper. This means do not use other sources, only use the song you pick and Iceland’s text. Remember, this is a Written Exam over a song you pick and the Iceland text.
3. Copy and paste the lyrics to the song at the end of your **Word** document. The lyrics should go after the **Works Cited** page. The lyrics should start on their own page.
4. When finished, the content of your Song Assignment should be about **4-5 pages in length**. This page length does not include the **Works Cited** page or the lyrics. If your paper is too short (if you do not write a full 4 pages), you will lose points. Please do not go over 6 pages in content.

* Sometimes students do not write a full 8-10 sentences in their paragraphs. This hurts in the end because your paper will not meet the minimum of 4 full pages (and you’ll lose points). The instructor (and TA) like paragraphs that are fully developed. So, if you come up short of 4 full pages, go back to reread what you’ve written to see if you can add some more solid analysis somewhere.
* Sometimes students write 3 very long analytic paragraphs full of great connections. It is fine to do this, as long as you meet the minimum of 4 full pages. Other times, students write 4 analytic paragraphs. That’s fine too. Just be sure to write 8-10 sentences in each paragraph.

If you deviate too much from these directions, you will receive a zero (0).  The instructor (and TA) won’t grade your paper and you will not be given an opportunity to rewrite it.

## **Song Assignment Case Study Rubric**

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| **Description of Grading Criteria** | **Point Value** |
| Directions/Grammar/Writing/MLA | 50 Points |
| Introduction | 50 Points |
| 3-4 Analytic Paragraphs | 100 Points   * 25 points per 4 paragraphs or * 33.33 points per 3 paragraphs |
| + or – Paragraph | 50 Points |
| Conclusion | 50 Points |

## **Course Evaluation**

Student Perceptions of Teaching (SPOT) is the student evaluation system for UNT and allows students the ability to confidentially provide constructive feedback to their instructor and department to improve the quality of student experiences in the course. These evaluations are very important to instructors. When the time comes, please take the time to complete the course evaluation.

## **Course Policies**

Below is a list of items that you can expect from your instructor (and TA if there is one), as well as a list of items that, if you choose to stay in this course and not drop it, you are agreeing to abide by in this course. Please consider these expectations our Course Policies.

### **What you can expect from your instructor (and TA):**

1. Respect and active listening.
2. Consistent grading with return time within one-two weeks.
3. Willingness to teach, learn and answer questions.
4. To be prepared each week for our class.
5. To allow ample opportunity for you to do well in this course.
6. To be available by appointment for additional help.
7. To treat everyone equally and fairly.

### **What the instructor expects from you:**

1. Patience with the instructor, TA, and with all others who participate in this class.
2. To read the syllabus carefully each week and know what is supposed to happen. This is our contract. The instructor (and TA) will do all that they can to abide by the syllabus, so they expect you to do the same.
3. Active participation in our class in the Canvas environment as required by the syllabus.  If it appears you are not actively engaged in this course, the instructor (and/or TA) will use the UNT Care Team reporting system to make recommendations.
4. To complete all assignments as they are scheduled in the **Tentative Course Schedule** in the syllabus.
5. To act with academic integrity during any quizzes or exams, and in all writing. Your work should be your own. Cheating will not be tolerated! See UNT policy on academic dishonesty.
6. To read the grading comments where applicable that the instructor and TA provide on all your assignments. They will incorporate tips for how to do better on future assignments where such needs are assessed.
7. To put assignments in the correct spot in Canvas (**Modules**). If you put things in the wrong spot, you will receive a zero (0) and your work will not be graded.
8. To follow all directions in the syllabus for all course assignments. If you do not follow all directions, you will automatically receive a zero (0).
9. To buy and use the correct version of the required book for the course. Right now, that is John Iceland’s textbook, Race and Ethnicity in America (2017). ISBN 9780520286924.
10. If you analyze something other than what everyone else is analyzing in your assignments, or if you misquote something from the book, you will receive a zero (0).
11. To buy and use the correct version of the book by Week One of the course and appropriately cite all your work.
    * If the instructor or TA happen look up something you quote from the book and it is not on the page cited, you will automatically fail the assignment and receive a zero (0) with no chance to redo the assignment.
12. To be responsible for your work and prepare for and handle situations of computer and Internet difficulties. All students are expected to have a working computer and reliable Internet access. If your Internet is out, go somewhere where it is working so that you do not miss quizzes or other assignments. Everyone in the course has 7 days each week to complete the work items for the week. Do not wait until the last minute to begin your work. That way, if you do have some technical difficulty, you’ll have time to correct it.
13. To contact the instructor or the TA to make an appointment if you find that you need additional help in this course. Online meetings using a teleconferencing usually help students get on track.
14. To contact the Dean of Students, Seeking Options and Solutions (S.O.S) Office, in the event of a personal emergency in your life. This includes extended illness or hospitalization, death in family, or other personal issue that hinders your possibility of success in the course. Here is the URL and the contact information for that office.
    * <https://deanofstudents.unt.edu/resources/seeking-options-and-solutions>

Dean of Students telephone number and email: (940) 565-2648
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**Attendance Policy**An attendance policy is required for every UNT syllabi. Visit the [University of North Texas’ Attendance Policy](http://policy.unt.edu/policy/15-2-5) to learn more.

## **COVID-19 Impact on Attendance**

While attendance online is expected as outlined above, it is important for all of us to be mindful of the health and safety of everyone in our community, especially given concerns about COVID-19. Please contact me if you are unable to attend class because you are ill, or unable to attend class due to a related issue regarding COVID-19. It is important that you communicate with me prior to being absent so I may make a decision about accommodating your request to be excused from class.

If you are experiencing any [symptoms of COVID-19](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html) (https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html) please seek medical attention from the Student Health and Wellness Center (940-565-2333 or [askSHWC@unt.edu](mailto:askSHWC@unt.edu)) or your health care provider PRIOR to coming to campus, in the event that you need to do so for computer lab use, library visits, etc. UNT also requires you to contact the UNT COVID Hotline at 844-366-5892 or [COVID@unt.edu](mailto:COVID@unt.edu) for guidance on actions to take due to symptoms, pending or positive test results, or potential exposure. While attendance is an important part of succeeding in this class, your own health, and those of others in the community, is more important.

## **UNT Policies**

### **Academic Integrity Policy**

Academic Integrity Standards and Consequences. According to UNT Policy 06.003, Student Academic Integrity, academic dishonesty occurs when students engage in behaviors including, but not limited to cheating, fabrication, facilitating academic dishonesty, forgery, plagiarism, and sabotage. A finding of academic dishonesty may result in a range of academic penalties or sanctions ranging from admonition to expulsion from the University. With the rising practice of AI plagiarism, UNT has implemented countermeasures to detect such dishonesty. Students found guilty of AI plagiarism will immediately fail the course.

### **ADA Policy**

UNT makes reasonable academic accommodation for students with disabilities. Students seeking accommodation must first register with the Office of Disability Accommodation (ODA) to verify their eligibility. If a disability is verified, the ODA will provide a student with an accommodation letter to be delivered to faculty to begin a private discussion regarding one’s specific course needs. Students may request accommodations at any time, however, ODA notices of accommodation should be provided as early as possible in the semester to avoid any delay in implementation. Note that students must obtain a new letter of accommodation for every semester and must meet with each faculty member prior to implementation in each class. For additional information see the [ODA website](https://disability.unt.edu/) (<https://disability.unt.edu/>).

### **Prohibition of Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation (Policy 16.004)**

The University of North Texas (UNT) prohibits discrimination and harassment because of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, or any other characteristic protected under applicable federal or state law in its application and admission processes; educational programs and activities; employment policies, procedures, and processes; and university facilities. The University takes active measures to prevent such conduct and investigates and takes remedial action when appropriate.

### **Emergency Notification & Procedures**

UNT uses a system called Eagle Alert to quickly notify students with critical information in the event of an emergency (i.e., severe weather, campus closing, and health and public safety emergencies like chemical spills, fires, or violence).

### **Retention of Student Records**

Student records pertaining to this course are maintained in a secure location by the instructor of record. All records such as exams, answer sheets (with keys), and written papers submitted during the duration of the course are kept for at least one calendar year after course completion. Course work completed via the Canvas online system, including grading information and comments, is also stored in a safe electronic environment for one year. Students have the right to view their individual record; however, information about student’s records will not be divulged to other individuals without proper written consent. Students are encouraged to review the Public Information Policy and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) laws and the University’s policy. See UNT Policy 10.10, Records Management and Retention for additional information.

### **Acceptable Student Behavior**

Student behavior that interferes with an instructor’s ability to conduct a class or other students' opportunity to learn is unacceptable and disruptive and will not be tolerated in any instructional forum at UNT. Students engaging in unacceptable behavior will be directed to leave the classroom and the instructor may refer the student to the Dean of Students to consider whether the student's conduct violated the Code of Student Conduct. The University's expectations for student conduct apply to all instructional forums, including University and electronic classroom, labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc. Visit UNT’s [Code of Student Conduct](https://deanofstudents.unt.edu/conduct) (https://deanofstudents.unt.edu/conduct) to learn more.

### **Access to Information - Eagle Connect**

Students’ access point for business and academic services at UNT is located at: [my.unt.edu](https://my.unt.edu/). All official communication from the University will be delivered to a student’s Eagle Connect account. For more information, please visit the website that explains Eagle Connect and how to forward e-mail [Eagle Connect](https://it.unt.edu/eagleconnect) (https://it.unt.edu/eagleconnect).

### **Student Evaluation Administration Dates**

Student feedback is important and an essential part of participation in this course. The student evaluation of instruction is a requirement for all organized classes at UNT. The survey will be made available during weeks 13, 14 and 15 of the long semesters to provide students with an opportunity to evaluate how this course is taught. Students will receive an email from "UNT SPOT Course Evaluations via IASystem Notification" ([no-reply@iasystem.org](file:///C:\Users\jdl0126\AppData\Local\Temp\OneNote\16.0\NT\0\no-reply@iasystem.org)) with the survey link. Students should look for the email in their UNT email inbox. Simply click on the link and complete the survey. Once students complete the survey they will receive a confirmation email that the survey has been submitted. For additional information, please visit the [SPOT website](http://spot.unt.edu/) (http://spot.unt.edu/) or email [spot@unt.edu](file:///C:\Users\jdl0126\AppData\Local\Temp\OneNote\16.0\NT\0\spot@unt.edu).

### **Survivor Advocacy**

UNT is committed to providing a safe learning environment free of all forms of sexual misconduct. Federal laws and UNT policies prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex as well as sexual misconduct. If you or someone you know is experiencing sexual harassment, relationship violence, stalking and/or sexual assault, there are campus resources available to provide support and assistance. The Survivor Advocates can be reached at [SurvivorAdvocate@unt.edu](mailto:SurvivorAdvocate@unt.edu) or by calling the Dean of Students Office at 940-5652648.

### **Student Verification**

UNT takes measures to protect the integrity of educational credentials awarded to students enrolled in distance education courses by verifying student identity, protecting student privacy, and notifying students of any special meeting times/locations or additional charges associated with student identity verification in distance education courses.

See [UNT Policy 07-002 Student Identity Verification, Privacy, and Notification and Distance Education Courses](https://policy.unt.edu/policy/07-002) (https://policy.unt.edu/policy/07-002).

### **Use of Student Work**

A student owns the copyright for all work (e.g. software, photographs, reports, presentations, and email postings) he or she creates within a class and the University is not entitled to use any student work without the student’s permission unless all of the following criteria are met:

* The work is used only once.
* The work is not used in its entirety.
* Use of the work does not affect any potential profits from the work.
* The student is not identified.
* The work is identified as student work.

If the use of the work does not meet all of the above criteria, then the University office or department using the work must obtain the student’s written permission.

Download the UNT System Permission, Waiver and Release Form

**Transmission and Recording of Student Images in Electronically-Delivered Courses**

1. No permission is needed from a student for his or her image or voice to be transmitted live via videoconference or streaming media, but all students should be informed when courses are to be conducted using either method of delivery.
2. In the event an instructor records student presentations, he or she must obtain permission from the student using a signed release in order to use the recording for future classes in accordance with the Use of Student-Created Work guidelines above.
3. Instructors who video-record their class lectures with the intention of re-using some or all of recordings for future class offerings must notify students on the course syllabus if students' images may appear on video. Instructors are also advised to provide accommodation for students who do not wish to appear in class recordings.

No notification is needed if only audio and slide capture is used or if the video only records the instructor's image. However, the instructor is encouraged to let students know the recordings will be available to them for study purposes.

## **Academic Support & Student Services**

### **Student Support Services**

#### **Mental Health**

UNT provides mental health resources to students to help ensure there are numerous outlets to turn to that wholeheartedly care for and are there for students in need, regardless of the nature of an issue or its severity. Listed below are several resources on campus that can support your academic success and mental well-being:

* [Student Health and Wellness Center](https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/student-health-and-wellness-center) (https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/student-health-and-wellness-center)
* [Counseling and Testing Services](https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/counseling-and-testing-services) (https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/counseling-and-testing-services)
* [UNT Care Team](https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/care) (https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/care)
* [UNT Psychiatric Services](https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/student-health-and-wellness-center/services/psychiatry) (https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/student-health-and-wellness-center/services/psychiatry)
* [Individual Counseling](https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/counseling-and-testing-services/services/individual-counseling) (https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/counseling-and-testing-services/services/individual-counseling)

#### **Chosen Names**

A chosen name is a name that a person goes by that may or may not match their legal name. If you have a chosen name that is different from your legal name and would like that to be used in class, please let the instructor know. Below is a list of resources for updating your chosen name at UNT.

* [UNT Records](https://registrar.unt.edu/transcripts-and-records/update-your-personal-information)
* [UNT ID Card](https://sfs.unt.edu/idcards)
* [UNT Email Address](https://sso.unt.edu/idp/profile/SAML2/Redirect/SSO;jsessionid=E4DCA43DF85E3B74B3E496CAB99D8FC6?execution=e1s1)
* [Legal Name](https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/student-legal-services)

*\*UNT euIDs cannot be changed at this time. The collaborating offices are working on a process to make this option accessible to UNT community members.*

#### **Pronouns**

Pronouns (she/her, they/them, he/him, etc.) are a public way for people to address you, much like your name, and can be shared with a name when making an introduction, both virtually and in-person. Just as we ask and don’t assume someone’s name, we should also ask and not assume someone’s pronouns.

You can [add your pronouns to your Coursera account](https://community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-18406-42121184808) so that they follow your name when posting to discussion boards, submitting assignments, etc.

Below is a list of additional resources regarding pronouns and their usage:

* [What are pronouns and why are they important?](https://www.mypronouns.org/what-and-why)
* [How do I use pronouns?](https://www.mypronouns.org/how)
* [How do I share my pronouns?](https://www.mypronouns.org/sharing)
* [How do I ask for another person’s pronouns?](https://www.mypronouns.org/asking)
* [How do I correct myself or others when the wrong pronoun is used?](https://www.mypronouns.org/mistakes)

#### **Additional Student Support Services**

* [Registrar](file:///C:\Users\jdl0126\AppData\Local\Temp\OneNote\16.0\NT\0\Registrar) (https://registrar.unt.edu/registration)
* [Financial Aid](https://financialaid.unt.edu/) (https://financialaid.unt.edu/)
* [Student Legal Services](https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/student-legal-services) (https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/student-legal-services)
* [Career Center](https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/career-center) (https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/career-center)
* [Multicultural Center](https://edo.unt.edu/multicultural-center) (https://edo.unt.edu/multicultural-center)
* [Counseling and Testing Services](https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/counseling-and-testing-services) (https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/counseling-and-testing-services)
* [Pride Alliance](https://edo.unt.edu/pridealliance) (https://edo.unt.edu/pridealliance)
* [UNT Food Pantry](https://deanofstudents.unt.edu/resources/food-pantry) (https://deanofstudents.unt.edu/resources/food-pantry)

### ***Academic Support Services***

* [Academic Resource Center](https://clear.unt.edu/canvas/student-resources) (https://clear.unt.edu/Coursera/student-resources)
* [Academic Success Center](https://success.unt.edu/asc) (https://success.unt.edu/asc)
* [UNT Libraries](https://library.unt.edu/) (https://library.unt.edu/)
* [Writing Lab](http://writingcenter.unt.edu/) (<http://writingcenter.unt.edu/>)

# **Tentative Course Schedule**

## **Introduction Level Learning Outcomes**

By the end of the introduction, students will be able to:

* Familiarize themselves with the Canvas interface and syllabus and take the syllabus quiz.

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| Week 1 8/21-8/26 Everything this week is due before midnight on Saturday, 8/26 | | |
| **Check** | **Description** | **More Details** |
|  | **Getting Started:**   * Buy book * Log into course and poke around. * Locate Syllabus. | The UNT bookstore should have the book you need.  Syllabus is in Canvas. |
|  | **To Do:**   * Read Syllabus. * Take Syllabus Quiz | All assignments are in Canvas (Modules). |

## **Module 1 Level Learning Outcomes**

By the end of Module 1, students will be able to:

1. Indicate and recall concepts, terms, theories, and research related to conversations about race in the form of a quiz.

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| Week 2 (8284-9/2) Everything this week is due before midnight on Saturday, 9/2 | | |
| **Check** | **Description** | **More Details** |
|  | **To Do:**   1. Read Ch1 of Iceland 2. Review video (optional) 3. Take Module 1 Quiz | All assignments are in Canvas (Modules). |

## **Module 2 Level Learning Outcomes**

By the end of Module 2, students will be able to:

* Indicate and recall concepts, terms, theories, and research related to race and ethnicity and causes of inequality in the form of a quiz.

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| Week 3 (9/4-9/9) Everything this week is due before midnight on Saturday, 9/9 | | |
| **Check** | **Description** | **More Details** |
|  | **To Do:**   1. Read Ch2 of Iceland 2. Review video (optional) 3. Take Module 2 Quiz | All assignments are in Canvas (Modules). |

## **Module 3 Level Learning Outcomes**

By the end of Module 3, students will be able to:

* Indicate and recall concepts, terms, theories, and research related to black-white inequality in the form of a quiz.

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| Week 4 (9/11-9/16) Everything this week is due before midnight on Saturday, 9/16 | | |
| **Check** | **Description** | **More Details** |
|  | **To Do:**   1. Read Ch3 of Iceland 2. Review video (optional) 3. Take Mod3 Quiz | All assignments are in Canvas (Modules). |

## **Module 4 Level Learning Outcomes**

By the end of Module 4, students will be able to:

1. Indicate and recall concepts, terms, theories, and research related to Hispanics and Asians in the form of a quiz.

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| Week 5 (9/18-9/23) Everything this week is due before midnight on Saturday, 9/23 | | |
| **Check** | **Description** | **More Details** |
|  | **To Do:**   1. Read Ch4 of Iceland 2. Review video (optional) 3. Take Module 4 Quiz | All assignments are in Canvas (Modules). |

## **Module 5 Level Learning Outcomes**

By the end of Module 5, students will be able to:

Choose one of the articles you have read for the upcoming week’s written assignment.

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| Week 6 (9/25-9/30) Nothing due this week. Simply read the presented articles. | | |
| **Check** | **Description** | **More Details** |
|  | **To Do:**  Read the presented articles in preparation for the first written research article summary | All assignments are in Canvas (Modules). |

## **Module 6 Level Learning Outcomes**

By the end of Module 6, students will be able to:

Write Research Article Summary 1

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| Week 7 (10/2-10/7) Everything this week is due before midnight on Saturday, 10/7 | | |
| **Check** | **Description** | **More Details** |
|  | **To Do:**  Complete the written assignment for Research Article Summary 1 | All assignments are in Canvas (Modules). |

## **Module 7 Level Learning Outcomes**

By the end of Module 7, students will be able to:

* Indicate and recall concepts, terms, theories, and research related to American Indians in the form of a quiz.

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| Week 8 (10/9-10/14) Everything this week is due before midnight on Saturday, 10/14 | | |
| **Check** | **Description** | **More Details** |
|  | **To Do:**   1. Read Ch5 of Iceland 2. Review video (optional) 3. Take Module 7 Quiz | All assignments are in Canvas (Modules). |

**Module 8 Level Learning Outcomes**

By the end of Module 8, students will be able to:

1. Indicate and recall concepts, terms, theories, and research related to the multiracial population in the form of a quiz.
2. Indicate and recall concepts, terms, theories, and research related to International Comparisons and Policy Debates in the form of a quiz.

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| Week 9 (10/16-10/21) Everything this week is due before midnight on Saturday, 10/21 | | |
| **Check** | **Description** | **More Details** |
|  | **To Do:**   1. Read Ch6 of Iceland 2. Review video (optional) 3. Take Module 8 Quiz | All assignments are in Canvas (Modules). |

**Module 9 Level Learning Outcomes**

By the end of Module 9, students will be able to:

Choose one of the articles you have read for the upcoming week’s written assignment.

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| Week 10 (10/23-10/28) Nothing due this week. Simply read the presented articles. | | |
| **Check** | **Description** | **More Details** |
|  | **To Do:**  Read the presented articles in preparation for the second written research article summary | All assignments are in Canvas (Modules). |

**Module 10 Level Learning Outcomes**

By the end of Module 10, students will be able to:

Write Research Article Summary 2

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| Week 11 (10/30-11/4) Everything this week is due before midnight on Saturday, 11/4 | | |
| **Check** | **Description** | **More Details** |
|  | **To Do:**  Complete the written assignment for Research Article Summary 2 | All assignments are in Canvas (Modules). |

**Module 11 Level Learning Outcomes**

By the end of Module 11, students will be able to:

1. Indicate and recall concepts, terms, theories, and research related to International Comparisons and Policy Debates in the form of a quiz.

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| Week 12 (11/6-11/11) Everything this week is due before midnight on Saturday, 11/11 | | |
| **Check** | **Description** | **More Details** |
|  | **To Do:**   1. Read Ch7 of Iceland 2. Review video (optional) 3. Take Module 11 Quiz | All assignments are in Canvas (Modules). |

**Module 12 Level Learning Outcomes**

By the end of Module 12, students will be able to:

1. Analyze the lyrics of a song by breaking down and interpreting the lyrics while applying information from Iceland's text.

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| Week 13 (11/13-11/18) Everything this week is due before midnight on Saturday, 11/18 | | | |
| **Check** | **Description** | **More Details** | |
|  | **To Do:**   1. Write Song Assignment paper 2. Upload to Canvas | All assignments are in Canvas (Modules). | |
|  | Soon students should receive an email asking them to complete the SPOT course evaluations for this course. This should come in the form of an email. Please remember to complete the evaluation for this course. These are very important to professors. | | Please complete the SPOT course evaluation. |

**Module 13 Level Learning Outcomes**

By the end of Module 13, students will be able to:

1. Indicate and recall concepts, terms, theories, and research related to the concluding remarks from Iceland in the form of a quiz.

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| Week 14 (11/27-12/2) Everything this week is due before midnight on Saturday, 12/2 | | | |
| **Check** | **Description** | **More Details** | |
|  | **To Do:**   1. Read Ch8 of Iceland 2. Review video (optional) 3. Take Ch8 Quiz | All assignments are in Canvas (Modules). | |
|  | Soon students should receive an email asking them to complete the SPOT course evaluations for this course. This should come in the form of an email. Please remember to complete the evaluation for this course. These are very important to professors. | | Please complete the SPOT course evaluation. |

**Module 14 Level Learning Outcomes**

By the end of Module 14, students will be able to:

Successfully take on the final exam in the following week.

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| Week 15 (12/4-12/9) Reading week in preparation for final exam | | | |
| **Check** | **Description** | **More Details** | |
|  | **To Do:**  Students should use this week to properly prepare for the final exam. Please review chapter's 1-8 in Iceland to be ready for the final exam in one week's time. | All assignments are in Canvas (Modules). | |
|  | Soon students should receive an email asking them to complete the SPOT course evaluations for this course. This should come in the form of an email. Please remember to complete the evaluation for this course. These are very important to professors. | | Please complete the SPOT course evaluation. |

**Module 15 Level Learning Outcomes**

By the end of Module 15, students will be able to:

Complete the final exam for the course.

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| Week 16 (12/11-12/14) Take the final exam before midnight, 12/14 | | |
| **Check** | **Description** | **More Details** |
|  | **To Do:**  No new materials will be assigned at this time, as this is your final exam period. Good luck! | All assignments are in Canvas (Modules). |