This course addresses the history and nature of race, racial categorization, and racial discrimination. It addresses biological, social, and cultural aspects of race. The course emphasizes that race and racism have been global phenomena, and that the rise and decline of racial discrimination have had remarkably similar histories in various parts of the world. The course will distinguish between “race” in science and in society, and will distinguish between elite ideas and popular practices on “race.”

Exams and Grades:
- The grade for this course depends primarily upon the two Midterm Exams (20% each) and the Final Exam (45%). These essay exams will be based on lectures and readings for the course. The Final Exam addresses the full course.
- In addition, students will write seven one-page essays (2% each, 14% total) presenting their understanding and their questions on major issues and debates about race. (The last 1% may be awarded through a bonus question on the final.)

Required Texts:
- L. Cavalli-Sforza, *Genes, Peoples, and Languages* (NU bookstore)
- G. Fredrickson, *Short History of Racism* (NU bookstore)
- N. MacMaster, *Racism in Europe* (NU bookstore)

Optional Readings:
Handouts and website citations will be provided from time to time

Lectures and Discussions
- Most classes center on lecture presentations by the instructor, lasting about one hour.
- Where time remains after lecture, classes will include such activities as discussion of lectures and texts, group activities, and review for exams.

Classroom demeanor
- While attendance is not taken in this class, students are urged to arrive at the beginning of the hour.
COURSE SCHEDULE

Week 1. Overview.
Jan. 10. Meeting 1, Lecture 1. Introduction: Contending views of race
  Reading: Cavalli-Sforza, Genes, Peoples, and Languages, pp. vii-xii, 3 – 32.
  Reilly et al, Racism: A Global Reader, 3-11.

Week 2. Biology.
Jan. 20. Meeting 4, Lecture 4. Biological basis of race: DNA analysis
  Paper 1 due at beginning of class
  Reading: Stringer & McKie, African Exodus, 1-16 (skim 17-84)
  Cavalli-Sforza, Genes, Peoples, and Languages, pp. 33-56.
  Reilly et al, Racism: A Global Reader, 12-44

Week 3. Biology and Society
  Paper 2 due at beginning of class
  Reading: Cavalli-Sforza, Genes, Peoples, and Languages, pp. 57-132.
  Stringer & McKie, African Exodus, 85-148

Week 4. Race before Racism
Feb. 3. Meeting 8, Lab session. Phenotype and genotype
  Reading: Cavalli-Sforza, Genes, Peoples, and Languages, pp. 133-172.
  Stringer & McKie, African Exodus, 149-193

Week 5. Society to 1800.
Feb. 7. Meeting 9, Lecture 7. Encounters and creation of social hierarchies
  Paper 3 due at beginning of class
  Reading: Fredrickson, Short History of Racism, pp. 1-47

Feb. 17 Meeting 12. Midterm Exam 1
  Reading: Reilly et al, Racism: A Global Reader, 87-104..

Week 7. Society to 1800.
  Paper 4 due at beginning of class
  Reading: Fredrickson, Short History of Racism, 49-63
  Reilly et al, Racism: A Global Reader, 105-141.

Reading: Fredrickson, *Short History of Racism*, 64-95
March 4 – March 12: TERM BREAK

  Mar. 17. Meeting 18, Lecture 15. Intellectual and social critique of racism
    Paper 5 due at beginning of class
    Reading: MacMaster, *Racism in Europe*, 1-85
    Fredrickson, *Short History of Racism*, 97 – 138

    Reading: MacMaster, *Racism in Europe*, 86-139
    Fredrickson, *Short History of Racism*, 151-170

  Mar. 28. Meeting 21, Lecture 17. World War II and the Holocaust
  Mar. 31. Meeting 22, Lecture 18. Decolonization and civil rights
    Paper 6 due at beginning of class
    Reading: MacMaster, *Racism in Europe*, 140-189

  April 4. Meeting 23, Lecture 19. Affirmative action and multiculturalism
  April 7. Meeting 24, Lecture 20. Race and contemporary culture
    Reading: MacMaster, *Racism in Europe*, 190-223

Week 13. Biology and society in the future.
  Apr. 11. Meeting 25, Lecture 21. Revising social categories: Hispanics and Muslims
    Paper 7 due at beginning of class
    Reading: Cavalli-Sforza, *Genes, Peoples, and Languages*, pp. 173-207

  Apr. 18. Meeting 27. Lecture 23
    Reading: Fredrickson, *Short History of Racism*, pp. 139 – 150

Week 15.
  FINAL EXAM