

Montgomery County Community College  
 SOC 224  
 Minorities in the U.S.  
 3-3-0

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This course is designed to study the social structure of the United States, i.e., “elitism,” “pluralism,” and the major ethnic, racial, and religious minorities therein: reasons for their migrations, problems encountered, and prohibitions preventing some from participating in the mainstream of American life will also be discussed. Focus is both sociological and historical.

**REQUISITES:**

*Previous Course Requirements*

None

*Concurrent Course Requirements*

None

LEARNING OUTCOMES Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:	LEARNING ACTIVITIES	EVALUATION METHODS
1. Apply key Sociological concepts and theories used to understand minority issues.	Lecture Small Group Work	Written Papers Exams
2. Identify the historical, cultural, and economic forces that inform the diverse experiences of minority groups that reside in the U.S.	Readings Lecture Discussion Films	Written Papers Exams Presentation
3. Identify political, economic and social problems that impact minority groups in the US.	Readings Discussion Films	Written Papers Exams Presentation
4. Evaluate current debates focused on minority issues.	Discussion Films Small Group Work	Presentation

At the conclusion of each semester/session, assessment of the learning outcomes will be completed by course faculty using the listed evaluation method(s). Aggregated results will be submitted to the Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs. The benchmark for each learning outcome is that *70% of students will meet or exceed outcome criteria.*

## SEQUENCE OF TOPICS:

1. The Study of Minorities
2. Culture and Social Structure
3. Prejudice and Discrimination
4. Dominant-Minority Relations
5. The "Old" Immigrants: Northern and Western Europeans
6. The "New" Immigrants: Southern, Central, and Eastern Europeans
7. The Native Americans
8. The Asian Immigrants
9. Other Nonwestern Immigrants
10. Blacks in American
11. The Hispanic Immigrants
12. Religious Minorities
13. Women in America
14. The American Mosaic

## LEARNING MATERIALS:

Schaeffer, Richard. (2015) *Racial & Ethnic Groups*. 14<sup>th</sup> ed, Pearson.

Other learning materials may be required and made available directly to the student and/or via the College's Libraries and/or course management system.

## COURSE APPROVAL:

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*This course is consistent with Montgomery County Community College's mission. It was developed, approved and will be delivered in full compliance with the policies and procedures established by the College.*