One hundred years ago, African-American intellectual W.E.B. DuBois famously identified the problem of the 20th century as "the problem of the color line." Since then, America has witnessed great changes in terms of race relations, especially in the realm of politics. Further, the role of race in the political sphere has become more complicated with large-scale migration and globalization trends that foster multiple and overlapping racial identities, new policy challenges, potential conflicts, and new possibilities in terms of coalition building between different racial and ethnic groups. We may either condemn or applaud the political response to these issues, but there is little doubt that students need to be able to assess critically the role that race plays in American politics and the world today. The interdisciplinary minor in Race and Politics helps students to analyze and critically evaluate contemporary race relations and how race matters in politics today.

**Minor Requirements**

*Total Requirements: Five Courses (20 units)*

**Basic Requirement (4 units)**

*POSC 421 must be taken by all minors*

**Upper Division Political Science Requirement (8 units)**

Choose one course from each category

- Race and Gender in a Global Context (4 units)
  - POSC 350, POSC 351, POSC 352, POSC 354, POSC 356, POSC 358, POSC 430, POSC 431, POSC 452, POSC 456, POSC 464
- Comparative Racial Politics (4 units)
  - POSC 320, POSC 328, POSC 424m, POSC 427, POSC 428, POSC 441m, POSC 442m, POSC 444

**Elective Requirements (8 units)**

Choose one course from each category

- Social/ Historical (4 units)
  - SOCI 142gm, SOCI 155g, SOCI 342m, SOCI 432m, HIST 265g, HIST 318, HIST 341, HIST 347, HIST 357
- Racial Formation (4 units)
  - AMST 301g, AMST 320, AMST 365, AMST 385

*POSC Majors must take four courses from the elective requirements section (16 units total). At least three must be upper division courses.*

As with all university minors, at least 4 courses must be unique to the minor (not filling any requirement for an additional major or minor, or any general education requirement other then diversity).

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