

COURSE DETAIL

PHILOSOPHY OF RACE

Country

United Kingdom - England

Host Institution

King's College London

Program(s)

English Universities, King's College London

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Philosophy

UCEAP Course Number

149

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

PHILOSOPHY OF RACE

UCEAP Transcript Title

PHILOSOPHY OF RACE

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

What is race, and does the concept have any scientific basis? Should we aim to eliminate the notion of race or are racial identities necessary to organize against oppression? How have philosophers in the Western canon, such as Aristotle, justified hierarchies based on purported human differences? What is racism and why is it so objectionable, ethically speaking? Is anti-Semitism a distinct form of racism? How does racism interact with exclusion based on gender, class, and other forms of social disadvantage? What forms of political action are justified in resisting racial injustice? And what should be done as a matter of public policy? This course applies approaches from metaphysics, ethics, political philosophy, philosophy of science, and other sub-fields to these and related issues. Students reflect on work by those who have theorized race from a position of racial subordination and think critically about how the broader discipline of philosophy has dealt with the question of race. Students learn to engage in contemporary debates around race and racial injustice in a sophisticated way.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

6AANB055

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Host Institution Course Details

Host Institution Campus

King's College London

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Philosophy

Course Last Reviewed

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