

COURSE DETAIL

PHILOSOPHY OF RACE

Country

South Africa

Host Institution

University of Cape Town

Program(s)

University of Cape Town

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Philosophy

UCEAP Course Number

120

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

PHILOSOPHY OF RACE

UCEAP Transcript Title

PHILOSOPHY OF RACE

UCEAP Quarter Units

8.00

UCEAP Semester Units

5.30

Course Description

Many of the topics of public debate in contemporary South Africa raise intriguing philosophical questions: Morally speaking, does most of the Western Cape actually belong to the Khoisan? Does being indigenous give one certain moral rights? Has the achievement of legal equality liberated black people, or would true liberation require the rediscovery of a distinctive identity? What special responsibilities (if any) do formerly advantaged groups have today? This course brings the tools of philosophical argument and analysis to bear on such problems, making use of, e.g., contemporary theories of moral ownership rights and the phenomenon of "epistemic injustice". In addition, it traces the intellectual ancestry of ideas such as those of Black Consciousness, critically examining the attempts of theorists such as Hegel, Fanon, Césaire, and Biko to theorize about oppression, identity, empowerment, and the predicament of colonized peoples. DP requirements: Regular attendance at lectures and tutorials; completion of all tests, submission of all essays and assignments by due dates, and an average mark of at least 35% for the coursework. Assessment: Coursework counts 40%; one three-hour examination in October/November counts 60%. Course entry requirements: At least second-year status.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

PHI2045S

Host Institution Course Title

PHILOSOPHY OF RACE

Host Institution Campus

University of Cape Town

Host Institution Faculty

Humanities

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Philosophy

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