

CRST 2001 [0.5 credit]
Introduction to Critical Race Studies

In this introductory course we will explore the foundations and central tenets of critical race theory, its interdisciplinary debates, applications, and evolutions. Historical roots of oppression, white settler-colonialism, understanding of privilege and power, social construction of race, socio-political conditions producing systemic and institutional racism, intersections with sexism, homophobia, transphobia, classism, and ableism. We will explore questions such as: What is race? Is it biological or a social reality, or both? What is meant by racialization? How is knowledge production racialized? How is space racialized? This course explores the experiences of race and racialization in historical and contemporary society. Furthermore, this course will discuss the profound implications of systems of racialization and privilege and the ways in which they operate in the daily realities of a settler colonial state. How does whiteness operate in our daily lives and what does that mean for Canadian everyday? This course is currently scheduled in person, but may be modified based on current circumstances and Public Health guidance.