

Ethnic Minority Families 3290

- Why is it important to understand racial and ethnic diversity in the United States?
- What is the history behind racial and ethnic diversity?
- How does diversity impact you?
- How will you use this information in your daily life?

Today, more than ever, it is critical to understand cultural differences because no matter where you go you will encounter diversity. Ethnic Minority Families will focus primarily on Hispanic, African American, Asian and Native American families. Your understanding of cultural differences, historical perspectives, their struggles and contributions to our society lends itself to better understanding, acceptance and sensitivity. This class is an invitation to challenge your own biases and prejudices for personal and professional growth.

This class has a service learning component requirement of 15 hours because we only meet in class for 3 hours a week, yet it is a 4 credit hour class.

Fulfillment: This class fulfills: a) the diversity requirement, b) the General Education Humanities requirement, c) the upper division requirement, d) the requirement for the Ethnic Studies minor, e) the requirement for Early Childhood Education, and f) the requirement for the major in Human Development

Required Texts:

- 1) Ronald L. Taylor: **Minority Families in the United States: A multicultural Perspective**
- 2) My own reading compilation that will be available for purchase the first day of class.