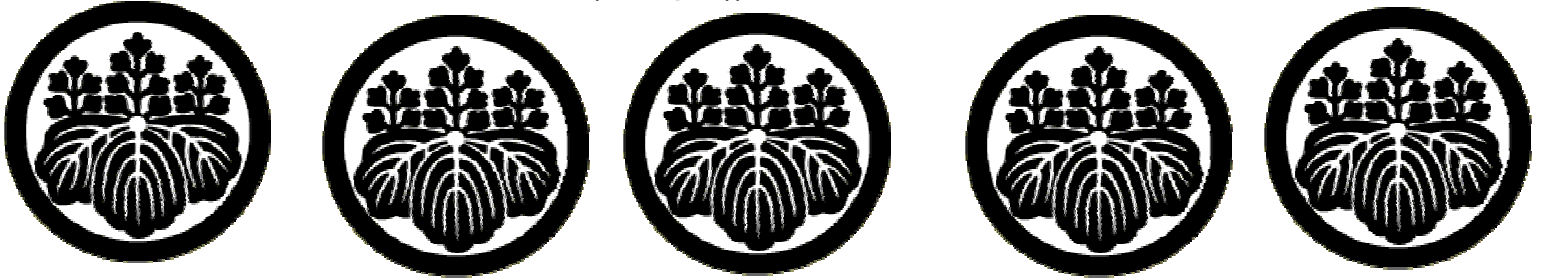


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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The United States contains a mix of family backgrounds. Our history was created and shaped by the combination of diverse racial and ethnic groups that came to this country as immigrants at different times with different social and economic conditions. There is a crisis in the United States today that results from the alienation experienced by these different groups. The focus and attention are now on the value of this racial and ethnic diversity in America. There is not just one language, one set of values, one set of beliefs, or one set of customs. The pluralistic and democratic ideology of our society and the advent of a global economy compels us to develop a multicultural perspective and understanding of the diversity of ethnic minority families and their contributions to U.S. society and to the future of our involvement in the global community.

Minority families in the United States have experienced unique social, economic, and political subordination relative to families of the dominant majority. Students will be exposed to characteristics of cultures and comparisons between culturally different groups, then use that information to become aware of their own ethnocentrism and increase their awareness of the role culture plays in determining the way people think, feel, and act. This information is not all-inclusive, but can serve as a springboard for understanding cultural groups.

REQUIRED TEXTS

1. Ronald L. Taylor. **Minority Families in the United States: A Multicultural Perspective**
2. Electronic Reserve and WebCT Readings
3. Lesage, Ferber, Storrs, Wong. **Making a Difference: University Students of Color Speak Out**