

ANTH-575  
**Concepts of Race**  
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### **Introduction**

This is a seminar course devoted to the evolution of concepts of race in Anthropology and the larger community. Through the reading of primary sources, we will examine the shift from biological to social constructions of race.

### **Readings**

Links to the readings can be found in the reference section below.

### **Evaluation**

We will write one paper together. Everyone's individual contributions to the paper will be submitted through mycourses, and all work will be graded individually. You will be graded for your contribution to each of the following steps in the production of the paper.

Statement of research question (Week 4)	25%
Outline and bibliography (Week 8)	25%
Final paper (First day of Exams)	50%

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### **Readings**

Part I: Racialism as normal science

Week 1

**Dunn 1861, Wake 1871, Wake 1872, MacLean 1872, Jackson 1872, Clarke 1872.**

Week 2

Beddoe 1905, **Herskovits 1930, Hooton 1937, Eugenics Manifesto 1939.**

Week 3

Levin 1937, **Howells 1942.**

Part II: Relativist cracks in the model

Week 4

von Luschan 1911, Spiller 1911, Boas 1911.

Week 5

**Barzun 1938, Benedict 1942, Montagu 1942.**

Week 6

Bennett 1949, Lowie 1949.

Week 7

Comas 1961, Wiercinski 1962.

Part III: The Revolution (and counter-revolution)

Week 8

Czeckanowski 1962, Comas 1962, Livingstone 1962, Boyd 1963, Garn 1962.

Week 9

Newman 1963, Montagu 1962, Nash 1962, Barnicot 1963, Hulse 1962.

Part IV: Racialism marginalized

Week 10

Ainsworth Harrison 1963, Ruggles Gates 1963, Washburn 1963.

Week 11

Washburn 1964, **Brace 1964, Dobzhansky 1963, Montagu and Coon 1963,** Roginskii 1964.

Week 12

Haller 1971, Coon 1977, Montagu 1977, De Azevedo 1978.

Part V: The new normal

Week 13

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