



# Summer 2021 Special Topics Course

## Sociology 380 | Race & Health Disparities

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- ◆ 4 Credits
- ◆ June 7 through July 2
- ◆ In-person | On campus (Bldg. and room TBD)
- ◆ Monday through Friday
- ◆ 1:00 to 4:15 p.m.
- ◆ Zoom option available for those that cannot attend in person

Do the “races” fare similarly when it comes to health outcomes and healthcare? The course begins by interrogating the term “race”. What sort of human label is “race”? Biological? Social? Cultural? We then explore the concept of health disparity as it relates to different populations in racialized societies. After establishing the nature and evidence of disparities, we’ll explore why disparities exist both in health outcomes and healthcare. Finally, we explore how health disparity gaps could be addressed, what health justice could look like in practice and design.

Class assignments include common readings, independent readings by smaller groups of students who then report to the class, and presentations or papers. Course objectives are to learn concepts used to describe and explain race-based health disparities and their consequences; learn key findings about health disparities and disparities in healthcare; competing explanations for disparities; and recommendations for how these disparities could be reduced, including current efforts. Readings are primarily in the fields of sociology, anthropology, and public health.

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