## MOHAWK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

**UTICA AND ROME, NEW YORK**

**COURSE OUTLINE**

# **SO205 - Racial and Ethnic Minorities C-3, P-0, Cr-3**

**Course Description:**

This course explores racial and ethnic subcultures that exist in American society. The emphasis is on those values and behaviors that contribute to the social boundaries of the group, provide a structure for interaction with outside groups, and maintain the group’s integrity as a minority subculture. The adaptive strategies employed by minorities as well as dimensions of disadvantage experienced by minorities within American society are explored.

Prerequisite: SO101 Introduction to Sociology

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

Students will be able to:

1. Characterize the nature of racial and ethnic groups in American society.
2. Compare the diversity of the American culture of yesterday and today.
3. Differentiate observation skills, research methods and application of concepts

used in sociology\*

1. Distinguish prejudice from discrimination.
2. Explain root causes of prejudice and discrimination
3. Summarize and evaluate the adaptive strategies used by various populations within U.S. society.

**Major Topics:**

I. Racial and Ethnic Stratification

II. Theoretical Perspectives: Prejudice and Discrimination

III. Immigration in the U.S.

IV. Ethnicity and Religion

V. Irish and Italian Americans

VI. Chinese Americans

VII. Mexican Americans

VIII. Cuban, Puerto Rican Americans and Native Americans

IX. Korean/Filipino/Southeast Asian/ Pacific/Pacific Islander Americans

X. African Americans