

**FALL 2020**

**Professor: Deborah Gray White**

**01:988:329 S01 / 01:512:366 S01**

**HISTORY OF RACE AND SEX IN AMERICA**

**Course Description:**

This course explores the ways that race and sex have influenced identity in America. It investigates how class, gender and nationalism have intersected with race and sex to determine life chances in America; how the state (local, state and national government) has impacted sexuality, people of color, and women; and how our ideas about masculinity and femininity were formed. The course begins with an exploration of the concepts used in this class with particular focus on the concept of intersectionality. It continues by taking a close look at the way that the variables under review came together at various times in American history. We will study topics such as race-making, interracial marriage, gender making, immigration, gay identity and rights.

**Because of the continued concerns about Covid-19, the course will be conducted online using zoom.**