

ROSLYN HIGH SCHOOL

DEPARTMENT: SOCIAL STUDIES

NAME OF COURSE: RACE, CLASS AND GENDER (PIG/LIT) HONORS

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF COURSE

This interdisciplinary course promotes integration of Social Studies and English. Students will study race, class and gender. Readings, essay writing and discussions encompass a variety of perspectives as they pertain to race, class and gender. Students will explore how race, class and gender shape identity in specific political and economic contexts. Students engage in seminar-type discussions to identify “new” categories of social identity. Additionally, there will be guest speakers, a video series, and outside field trips for each area of study (race, class and gender).

The joint Social Studies/English seminar is a one-year, double period class. Students enrolling in this seminar will receive 1 credit in English and will fulfill the senior PIG & Senior ECO requirement in Social Studies 1 credit. This is an honors level course.

MAJOR TOPICS

- the race dimension in American History
- class as a defining (and structuring) category; and class as a social, economic/political and personal identity
- gender – images of women in literature & gender separation (why and how)

TEXTBOOKS

Social Studies – Reading Packet

REQUIREMENTS

- seminar participation
- homework readings
- reaction papers
- oral presentations
- field trip reports

GRADING PROCEDURE

Student grades will be based on grades received on required assignments.