RACIAL JUSTICE

Certificate



Central Connecticut State University's interdisciplinary Certificate in Racial Justice teaches students to see racism as a system. The certificate fosters reflection on how race shapes what persons know, notice, and miss about race, including in their own lives. Our courses examine how racism moves through institutions like housing, schools, policing, and work, and how it combines with class, gender, and other systems of power to produce distinct harms. Students also weigh competing visions of racial justice against real cases and ask what each remedy would change. This foundation empowers students to contribute to building racial justice in their own communities and workplaces.

> **The power of the past is all around us, as it forms the shell in which the present and future unfold. Understanding the present and creating a better future can only be done by reckoning with how the nation has structured and dealt with racial issues. This program will help students create a more inclusive and just society.**
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> *— Dr. John Day Tully*

Program Features

- Starts every January and August
- 15-credit program
- Classes offered on campus
- Professionals in fields such as education, nursing, social work, business and management, political reform, and criminal justice learn to holistically serve various cultural groups with an understanding and appreciation of the social, political, and racial contexts of their lives
- Taught from multiple perspectives by faculty from such fields as Criminal Justice, Philosophy, Literary Studies, and Anthropology
- Features the new interdisciplinary course, RJ200: Introduction to Racial Justice, which draws students from a variety of backgrounds and fields

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What You'll Gain

Those that obtain a certificate in Racial Justice develop a sophisticated understanding of historical and contemporary racial justice issues, programs, policies, and structures.

As administrators, managers, consultants and organizers, students develop strategies for enhancing racial equity in workplaces, schools, and other institutions. Further, they can gather, analyze, and present information on the performance of programs and policies that aim to enhance racial justice in schools, workplaces, and other institutions.

Career Preparation

Completing this certificate will allow professionals in fields such as education, nursing, social work, business and management, political reform, and criminal justice, to holistically serve various cultural groups with an understanding and appreciation of the social, political, and racial contexts of their lives.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Certificate in Racial Justice Program collaborates with such campus groups as MOSAIC, The African American Studies Program, and the Africana Center. Our latest collaboration welcomed Professor Eddie Glaude to campus in February 2022 to speak about his book, *Begin Again*.

Coursework

Required Course (3 credits)

- Studies in Racial Justice

Electives (12 credits; no more than 6 credits from a single designator)

- Introduction to African-American Studies
- Race and Ethnicity in US and Global Politics
- Dimensions of Diversity and Inequality
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- Ethnicity and Ethnic Identity
- City Life & Culture
- Introduction to Community and Civic Engagement
- Practicum in Community and Civic Engagement
- Diversity and Criminal Justice
- Hate Crimes
- Current Topics in Criminal Justice
- Afro-Caribbean Dance and Culture
- African-American Literature
- Latino/a Literature
- Race, Ethnicity and Migration in the U.S.
- African Enslavement in the Americas Puerto Rico
- Introduction to Latino Studies
- Topics in Latino and Puerto Rican Studies
- U.S. Immigration
- Race, Ethnicity, and Migration in the U.S.
- Race and Ethnic Relations
- History of Jazz
- Introduction to the Philosophy of Social Justice
- Topics in Philosophical & Social Justice
- African-American Philosophy
- Race and Ethnicity in US and Global Politics
- Civil Liberties
- Intergroup Relations
- African-American Religion
- Race, Class, and Gender
- Latina Identity and Empowerment
- U.S. Immigration
- Race and Racism
- Oppression and Liberation
- Women of Color in the U.S.
- American Poverty and Social Welfare

PROGRAM WEBSITE

ABOUT CENTRAL:
Central Connecticut State University is the largest university within the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities system. Founded in 1849, Central is also the state's oldest publicly funded university. Our campus is located in New Britain, Connecticut. Central is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE).



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