

# PHIL 3018 PHILOSOPHY OF RACE AND RACISM

**Credit Points** 10

**Legacy Code** 102789

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**Description** This subject focuses on philosophical approaches to race and racism. Academic discourse about race sits at the intersection of overlapping research programs taking place in a number of fields including cultural anthropology, the history of science, sociology, political theory, communication studies, and critical philosophy of race. This subject will draw on discussions from a number of these fields. Students will interrogate the ways in which subjects are racialized, both by culture and by the state. They will analyse major texts concerned with race and racism, and examine and critique the role of ignorance within racist discourse.

**School** Humanities & Comm Arts

**Discipline** Philosophy

**Student Contribution Band** HECS Band 4 10cp

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**Level** Undergraduate Level 3 subject

## Assumed Knowledge

Successful completion of 60 credit points of study in currently enrolled program.

## Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. Apply the methodology of critical philosophers of race to interrogate and deconstruct the processes by which subjects are racialized by culture and the state.
2. Analyse major texts in the traditions of political phenomenology, intersectional feminist philosophy, and African American existentialism.
3. Use standpoint epistemology to diagnose and reframe the epistemologies of ignorance at work in racist discourse.

## Subject Content

African American existential philosophy  
 Political Phenomenology  
 Philosophy of Race and the State  
 Intersectional Feminist Philosophy  
 Standpoint Epistemology  
 Epistemologies of Ignorance  
 Aboriginal sovereignty

## Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task
Portfolio	1,000 words each	60	N	Individual
Essay	2,000 words	40	N	Individual

Teaching Periods

## Autumn (2022)

### Bankstown

#### Day

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### Parramatta - Victoria Rd

#### Day

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