(Aren’t philosophers a bunch of dead white guys? Yes, mostly. Aren’t they mostly racist? Probably, maybe, we kind of need to talk about that. About what? What the h3££ are we going to talk about? We’re going to talk about what race is and how (whether) that can help us talk about, understand, and undermine racism.

**TOOLS**

Using the readings detail below and a few others; moodle access; and a laptop, tablet, smartphone or other web enabled device or a cellphone with texting capabilities, we will explore the major themes of the philosophical engagement with race:

- Race Concept
- Metaphysics of Race
- Nihilism
- Social Constructivism
- Biological Essentialism
- Biological Realism
- Racial Cognition
- Theories of Racism
- Implicit Association
- Stereotype Threat
- Microaggression
- Post-Racism

Our goals are to examine and understand these notions and to analyze and how they interact and contribute to contemporary racism.

**POLICIES**

**Accessibility:** Let me know if you have concerns about accessibility please talk to me and contact Disability Services at 218.726.6130

**Attendance:** Attend or let me know if you can’t. Check Moodle for what you missed or email me.

**Absences:** Try to miss because you have to — illness, emergency, school function, major life event. If you miss because you want to — overslept, going to a concert, extra day of spring break etc. — accept the consequences (below).

**Assignments:** Make sure you get all the details from Moodle and/or from me. If you miss a minor assignment deadline because you wanted to, it’s just gone. Late major assignments are penalized ⅓ of letter grade per day. Try not to sweat it. If you miss a major or minor assignment deadline because you had to we’ll arrange a makeup to be completed within a week of original deadline.

**Academic Integrity:** Have it. Don’t plagiarize. Don’t cheat. Be respectful of your peers and of me. To help you with this:

There are extended guidelines for plagiarism and academic integrity posted on my website.

**Participation:** Do it! I use a classroom response system called PollEverywhere, I’ll walk you through registration. You can also ask questions, interrupt me, talk about stuff. PLEASE TALK!

**Moodle:** Here — https://ay14.moodle.umn.edu/course/view.php?id=7909 — you’ll find an up-to-date schedule. You’ll also find links for submitting most of your assignments. Consider it home base.

**My website:** This is one stop shopping for everything class related plus some goofy other stuff as well. You can get detailed more precise descriptions of my expectations and policies there. Those policies are the law in my town.

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