

San José State University
CASA/Department of Kinesiology
KIN/HS 169, Diversity, Stress, and Health, Section 5, Fall 2017

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Prerequisites:	Passage of the Writing Skills Test (WST) or ENGL/LLD 100A with a C or better (C- not accepted). Upper division standing (60 units) and Completion of Core General Education. 100W is strongly recommended as a prerequisite or co-requisite to all Self, Society, and Equality in the U.S. courses.
GE/SJSU Studies Category:	Area S - Self, Society, & Equality in the U.S.

Students are strongly encouraged to satisfy GE Areas R, S, and V with courses from departments other than the major department. Completion of, or co-registration in, a 100W course is strongly recommended. A minimum aggregate GPA of 2.0 in GE Areas R, S, & V shall be required of all students (University Policy S12-9).

Faculty Web Page and MYSJSU Messaging (Optional)

All course materials can be found on the Canvas Learning Management System, which can be accessed at <http://www.sjsu.instructure.com>. You are responsible for regularly checking Canvas and the messaging system through MySJSU.

Course Description

This course will cover the impact of structured inequalities on stress and health of diverse populations. This will include analysis of physiological/psychosocial health factors related to diversity, as well as behavioral interventions and social actions that mediate stress and optimize health and social justice.

Course Goals and Student Learning Outcomes

Premise

Diverse racial and cultural groups that encounter prejudice and structured inequalities experience a form of social injustice that results in triple jeopardy. First, their experiences with prejudice, discrimination, and structured inequalities often result in unequal access to, and ownership of, various resources (e.g., social support, health care, employment and educational opportunities, financial and corporate advancement opportunities). Second, their experiences of inequality are invariably associated with chronic psychosocial and environmental stressors (e.g., social alienation, language barriers, cultural conflicts, violent neighborhoods, exposure to chemical hazards, overcrowded housing) that are often disruptive to a person's lifestyle and productivity in the work environment. Third, the chronic stressors experienced by racial and cultural groups often result in health-related disorders and/or illnesses.

Goals

Students will study the interrelationship of individuals, racial/ethnic, and cultural groups to understand and appreciate issues of diversity, equality, and structured inequalities in the U.S., its institutions, and its culture within the context of stress and health. How one's identity, behavior, and health are shaped by cultural and social influences in the contexts of equality and inequality will be addressed throughout the course. From both a theoretical and experiential perspective, students will study behavioral interventions, social actions, and positive interactions that: (a) diminish or eliminate inequalities and related stressors; and (b) promote health and social justice. Through cooperative and interactive exercises, students will develop ideas for new legislation and social actions that promote equality and social justice. Processes (historical, social, economic, and political) that lead to either greater equality or structured inequality will also be analyzed.

Particular attention will be given to examining inequalities that have been interwoven into the fabric of various social institutions (e.g., health care systems, educational institutions, advertising/media agencies, financial and legal systems, business corporations, sport organizations and franchises, religious denominations, government/military institutions) within the context of stress and health.

General Education Learning Outcomes (GELOs) for Area S

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

GELO 1: describe how identities (religious, gender, ethnic, racial, class, sexual orientation, disability, and/or age) are shaped by cultural and societal influences in contexts of equality and inequality

- **Assessment: *Personal Inequality Paper***

GELO 2: describe historical, social, political, and economic processes producing diversity, equality, and structured inequalities in the United States

- **Assessment: *Research Paper***

GELO 3: describe social actions that have led to greater equality and social justice in the U.S. (i.e., religious, gender, ethnic, racial, class, sexual orientation, disability, and/or age)

- *Assessment: Social Action Model/Presentation*

GELO 4: recognize and appreciate constructive interactions between people from different cultural, racial, and ethnic groups in the U.S.

- *Assessment: Personal Inequality Paper*

Course-Specific Learning Outcomes (CLOs)

Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

CLO 1: recognize and describe structured inequalities, and related psychosocial and environmental stressors and health risks prevalent in racial, ethnic, and cultural groups.

CLO 2: describe physiological, psychological, and immune responses to chronic stressors experienced by racial and cultural groups which lead to increased health risks.

CLO 3: describe how stereotyping, prejudice, and structured inequalities shape the identity, behavior, and health of racial and cultural groups.

CLO 4: describe and apply behavioral and cognitive interventions that reduce/eliminate structured inequalities and prejudice, as well as mediate stress and promote optimal health.

CLO 5: describe social actions and positive interactions that have been successful in diminishing/eliminating inequalities for racial and cultural groups, as well as construct new paradigms for reducing structured inequalities and related stressors.

Course Content

- Structured inequities and related psychosocial stressors and health consequences for racial and cultural groups
- Chronic stress: Physiological consequences
- The role of perception on stress and prejudice
- Racial, ethnic, and cultural groups: Inequities and related stressors
- Identity, behavior, and health of racial and cultural groups: Societal and cultural influences in the contexts of equality and inequality

- Historical, social, economic, and political processes that lead to greater equality or structured inequality in the U.S.
- Social actions, constructive interactions, and new models promoting equality
- Laboratory assignments: Developing internal & social resources

Required Texts/Readings

KIN 169 custom textbook: Rose, P. R. (2017). *Health Disparities, Diversity, and Inclusion*. Burlington, MA: Jones & Bartlett Learning.

Other reading assignments will be posted to Canvas.

Course Requirements and Assignments

Writing Assignments

Students will complete both in-class and out-of-class writing.

In-Class Writing: 2 pages (minimum)

Personal Inequality Assignment: 4-6 pages

Research Paper: 5-7 pages

Personal Inequality Assignment

Students will engage in reflection to disclose a personal inequality previously experienced that involved psychosocial stressors and health issues. After completing the reflective process, student should complete a written analysis of their personal inequality by addressing the following components: (a) the origin of the structured inequity; (b) historical, social, political, or economic processes associated with the inequity; (c) description of the stressor and its impact on personal health; (d) a behavioral, cognitive, or social intervention that was used (or could have been used) to reduce/eliminate the stressor; (e) a personal or social action that was taken (or could have been taken) to diminish/eliminate the inequality, as well as create greater equality.

In addition, students will interview someone from a diverse group who has experienced a structured inequality and discuss in writing: (a) identification of ethnic or cultural group represented; (b) the origin and nature of the inequality; (c) historical, social, political and/or economic processes involved; (d) description of the stressor and its impact on the individual's health and lifestyle; (e) an intervention that was used (or could have been used) to reduce/eliminate the stressor; (f) a personal or social action that was taken (or could have been taken) to reduce/eliminate the inequality leading to greater equality.

The paper (4-6 pages, double spaced) should ***integrate and synthesize information from at least five (5) academic, peer-reviewed journals*** that relate to one or more components that are addressed in the assignment (e.g., social or cultural context of the inequality, appropriateness of chosen intervention, social action or strategies for diminishing the inequality, impact of stressor on personal health). Reference citations must be in the format and style recommended by the

American Psychological Association (APA) manual unless otherwise specified by the course instructor. Papers will be evaluated on the following criteria: (a) content and organization, including synthesis of primary references; (b) adherence to the assignment guidelines; (c) citations, references, and format; (d) syntax, grammar, and spelling; and (e) creativity and insight expressed through the integration of all components of the assignment.

Research Paper

Students will synthesize current research related to structured inequalities experienced by a particular diverse group in the U.S. Students will also describe stressors and health consequences related to the inequalities identified. The group selected should represent one or more of the following characteristics: race, ethnicity, gender, religion, disability, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, age. Students will discuss important research findings and the implications of these findings in a review paper (5-7 pages, double-spaced), *citing a minimum of five (5) academic, peer-reviewed journals*. Papers should include a synopsis, analysis, and application of current research as reported in the literature. In addition, papers should address the impact of inequities/stressors from a physiological, psychological, or emotional perspective. Social actions and behavioral interventions for reducing/eliminating inequities and related stressors and health consequences must also be addressed. Evaluation criteria include the following: (a) identification of ethnic/cultural group and structured inequalities associated with selected group; (b) political, historical, economic, and/or social processes that have produced diversity, equality and/or structured inequality; (c) related stressors and health consequences; and (4) constructive individual/social action(s) that have led to greater equality and social justice. Evaluation criteria include the following: (a) synthesis, critical analysis and application of the literature; (b) adherence to the assignment guidelines; (c) citations, references, and format; (d) syntax, grammar, and spelling; and (e) originality and creativity.

Presentation of Research & Proposed Social Action

As part of their final research paper, students will investigate and produce a *practical* social action/intervention model for reducing or eliminating inequalities and related psychosocial and environmental stressors. This assignment requires an oral presentation and resource guide. It will be important to (a) identify a particular inequality, including a brief overview of the issue; (b) focus on practical rather than ideal action strategies; (c) identify resources, both on and off campus, that can be utilized by classmates; and (d) articulate exactly how the intervention strategy will help to reduce or eliminate the inequality itself or the related stressors associated with the inequality. Students will present their research and their proposed social action to fellow students at the end of the semester.

Participation

Participation includes in-class writing, discussion postings, quizzes, contributions to class discussions, and laboratory activities.

In-Class Writing (minimum of 2 pages)

Students will use introspection, problem solving, and critical thinking techniques for in-class writing assignments by: (a) addressing stressors and risk behaviors unique to diverse populations,

(b) identifying innovative ideas or models for eliminating inequalities, (c) identifying health-promoting behaviors and programs for specific diverse populations, and (d) identifying social and cultural influences that have played a role in shaping students' perceptions of people and events in their environment. Students will be evaluated on the following criteria: (a) ability to write in a clear, coherent, and concise manner including proper grammar and syntax; (b) ability to critically analyze and synthesize material from class lectures; and (c) ability to generate and express alternative ideas for health promotion and equality.

Contributions to Class Discussions and Laboratory Activities

Students are required to actively participate in laboratory exercises by analyzing and applying behavioral, social, and cognitive interventions for the purpose of diminishing structured inequalities, as well as related psychosocial/environmental stressors and health consequences. Laboratory and interactive assignments are designed primarily to increase students' internal resources and, secondarily, to increase awareness of available social resources. Activities will include problem solving and cooperative learning exercises for managing prejudice and structured inequalities, critical thinking assignments involving the creation of new social action models for reducing/eliminating inequalities and related psychosocial and environmental stressors, and behavioral and cognitive interventions for mediating stress and health risks associated with prejudice, discrimination and structured inequalities. Some laboratory assignments will also include reflective exercises to determine the effectiveness of the interventions and the degree to which individual resources have been enhanced.

Examinations

A multiple choice-based midterm and final examination will be administered during the semester.

Grading Model

Personal Inequality Assignment	20%
Research Paper	20%
Presentation of Research & Social Action	10%
Participation (Labs, Worksheets, Discussion handouts)	10%
Midterm Examination	20%
Final Examination	20%

Assignment of Grades

A plus	97-100%	A	93-96%	A minus	90-92%
B plus	87-89%	B	83-86%	B minus	80-82%
C plus	77-79%	C	73-76%	C minus	70-72%
D plus	67-69%	D	63-66%	D minus	60-62%
		F	Below 60%		

- SJSU classes are designed such that in order to be successful, it is expected that students will spend a minimum of forty-five hours for each unit of credit (normally three hours per unit per week), including preparing for class, participating in course activities, completing assignments, and so on. More details about student workload can be found in [University Policy S12-3](http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S12-3.pdf) at <http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S12-3.pdf>.
- Note that [University policy F69-24](http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/F69-24.pdf) at <http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/F69-24.pdf> states that “Students should attend all meetings of their classes, not only because they are responsible for material discussed therein, but because active participation is frequently essential to insure maximum benefit for all members of the class. Attendance per se shall not be used as a criterion for grading.”
- Note that “All students have the right, within a reasonable time, to know their academic scores, to review their grade-dependent work, and to be provided with explanations for the determination of their course grades.” See [University Policy F13-1](http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/F13-1.pdf) at <http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/F13-1.pdf> for more details.

Classroom Protocol & Policies

- Students are expected to be courteous during class. Any student engaging in disruptive behavior may be asked to leave. Please turn off all cell phones, pagers, PDAs or other electronic devices. The use of anything that beeps or vibrates during class is disruptive and will not be tolerated. Using a device, even silently, such as texting or websurfing, is distracting, and students who engage in these actions may be asked to leave. Further disruption may be cause for the student’s behavior being reported to the SJSU Office of Student Conduct and Ethical Development.
- All materials must be original works of the student and typed with text and references in APA format.
- Assignments are due *at the beginning of class* on the assigned date unless otherwise noted. Late papers will be penalized one grade step (e.g., A- → B+) each day they are late.
- There are NO make-ups for in-class labs or activities, with the exception of officially sanctioned University activities or serious and compelling personal circumstances. So, it will be important to regularly attend class.
- Only under extreme circumstances will an “incomplete” grade be earned, and use of the “incomplete” grade will be consistent with SJSU policies.
- Students are encouraged to periodically check the course homepage for various websites and other information (e.g. quiz/exam hints, current events) related to the course.

Library Liaison

Adriana Poo is the library liaison for the KIN department. You can reach her at 408-808-2019 or Adriana.poo@sjsu.edu.

University Policies

Per University Policy S16-9, university-wide policy information relevant to all courses, such as academic integrity, accommodations, etc. will be available on Office of Graduate and Undergraduate Programs' [Syllabus Information web page](http://www.sjsu.edu/gup/syllabusinfo/) at <http://www.sjsu.edu/gup/syllabusinfo/>

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Fall 2017 Course Schedule

(Subject to change with fair notice from the instructor)

Date	Topic	Reading Assignments	Due
Thursday, 8/24	Course Introduction		
Tuesday, 8/29	How do you know something?	Crash Course Philosophy #8 (on Canvas)	Personal Summary on Canvas
Thursday, 8/31	History of Stress Research/Defining Stress	Greenburg PDF on Canvas	
Tuesday, 9/5	Physiology of Stress		
Thursday, 9/7	Physiology of Stress & Diaphragmatic Breathing		Stress Assessment Due on Canvas
Tuesday, 9/12	Stress Management Lab		
Thursday, 9/14	Stress Management Lab		Stress Lab due hard copy
Tuesday, 9/19	Film: "Stress: Portrait of a Killer"		
Thursday, 9/21	Chronic Stress & Disease on a societal scale	Rose Text Ch. 2; Braveman & Gottlieb (2014)	

Tuesday, 9/26	Introduction to group dynamics & diversity (Tribe Exercise)	Rose Text Ch. 4	
Thursday, 9/28	Why do health disparities persist?: Social Advantages & Disadvantages	Text Ch. 3; McIntosh (1989)	Tribe Exercise reflection due hard copy
Tuesday, 10/3	Why do health disparities persist?: Social determinants of Health	Rose Text Ch. 7	
Thursday, 10/5	Health Disparity Workshop	Text Ch. 5; 4 CDC articles on Health Disparities on Canvas	
Tuesday, 10/10	Why do health disparities persist?: Deficit Discourses; Film: <i>Bad Sugar</i>		Health disparity worksheet due hard copy
Thursday, 10/12	Films: <i>Becoming American</i> & <i>When the Bough Breaks</i>		
Tuesday, 10/17	Midterm Exam Review		PERSONAL INEQUALITY PAPER DUE
Thursday, 10/19	MIDTERM EXAM	Bring T&E 200 Scantron	
Tuesday, 10/24	Diverse Identities: Gender	Rose Text Ch. 10; James (1998)	
Thursday, 10/26	Film: <i>"Killing Us Softly 4"</i>		
Tuesday, 10/31	Media Influences Lab	Anderson (2015); Bruce (2015)	Turn in Lab for Participation Credit
Thursday, 11/2	Final Paper Workshop (DO NOT MISS)	Rose Text Ch. 13-15	
Tuesday, 11/7	Film: <i>"Tough Guise 2"</i>		Advertisement Critique Due on Canvas
Thursday, 11/9	Diverse Identities: Sexual Orientation		
Tuesday, 11/14	Diverse Identities: Race/Ethnicity	Smedley & Smedley (2005)	
Thursday, 11/16	Diverse Identities: Race/Ethnicity	Rose Text Ch. 9	

Tuesday, 11/21	Diverse Identities: Migration	Rose Text Ch. 8	Annotated Bibliography due on Canvas
Thursday, 11/23	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY
Tuesday, 11/28	Diverse Identities: Disability		
Thursday, 11/30	Presentations Workshop		Presentations Due on Canvas
Tuesday, 12/5	Final Presentations		Peer Evaluation Worksheet
Thursday, 12/7	Final Exam Review		FINAL PAPER DUE
Tuesday, December 19	FINAL EXAM: 7:15am- 9:30am	Bring T&E 200 Scantron	