



Bloomington High School is a diverse community that supports lifelong learners who are responsible and productive citizens in our global society. Together we will provide a safe environment that guides students to reach their full potential in pursuit of academic and personal fulfillment.

Course Title: 044440 Multicultural Studies (Semester; ½ credit)

Course Description: This course will focus on the contributions and perspectives of African Americans, Asian Americans, Hispanic/Latino Americans, Native Americans, and other cultures. Emphasis will be on the impact these individuals have on current conditions and policies that are critical to students' understanding and appreciation of the diverse cultures that play a significant role in the United States.

Units of Study:

Deculturalization and the Claim of Racial and Cultural Superiority by Anglo-Americans
Native Americans: Deculturalization, Schooling, and Globalization
African Americans: Deculturalization, Transformation, and Segregation
Asian Americans: Exclusion and Segregation
Hispanic/Latino Americans: Exclusion and Segregation
The Great Civil Rights Movement and the New Culture Wars
Twenty-First Century: Post-Racial Society?

Texts and Required Readings:

Deculturalization and the Struggle for Equality by Joel Spring
A Different Mirror A History of Multicultural America by Ronald Takaki

BHS Grading Scale and Policy:

The semester final grade is obtained from running semester grade (80%) and the semester final exam grade (20%). This means that you will have already earned 80% of your final grade by the time you reach semester exams. Semester exams are required. [BHS Handbook, pg. 17](#)

90-100% = A 80-89% = B 70-79% = C 60-69% = D Below 60% = F

BHS Makeup Work Policy:

All students are expected to do makeup work in a timely fashion. It is the student's responsibility to obtain assignments prior to a pre-arranged absence, and immediately upon return for all other absences. General rule: one day absence affords one day to complete formative makeup work. For summative, students should expect to complete on the day of return. Failure to complete makeup work by the teacher deadline will result in a zero/missing in Gradebook. [BHS Handbook, pg. 37](#).

Discussing Controversial Issues in the Classroom:The guidelines set forth by the District 87 Board Policy 6.070 will be used handling controversial issues in the classroom. Please contact your teacher if you have any questions.