

PERSPECTIVES ON POWER, JUSTICE, AND EQUITY

The two-part transdisciplinary overlay aims to infuse the Weinberg College curriculum with active discussions about how to navigate the local-global continuum amidst the complex and highly dynamic social and political movements of today and in the past. In particular, these overlays ask students to reflect on their own perspective as necessarily the product of interconnected webs of people, ideas, and events.

U.S. Perspectives on Power, Justice, and Equity

This perspective addresses the impact of histories, institutions, and/or social structures on groups and on individuals primarily in the United States, focusing on the interconnected issues of racism/antiracism, equality/inequality, and justice/injustice.

Learning Objectives for U.S. Perspectives

In courses satisfying this perspective students will:

- Engage with scholarship describing the historical and contemporary structures, processes, human-environment relationships, and practices that shape racism and anti-racism; power and resistance; justice and injustice; equality and inequality; agency and subjection; belonging and subjection, with a primary, but not exclusive, focus on the United States
- Explore the social, political, environmental, and cultural bases of these relationships, structures, processes, and practices, and examine how they constitute individuals' groups
- Reflect on one's position within these structures, processes, and practices
- Acquire the knowledge and develop the skills necessary to work with key analytical concepts that often define individuals and groups, including but not limited to ability, age, education, environmentality, ethnicity, gender, indigeneity, language, nationality, race, religion, politics, sexuality, and social status
- Analyze how these and other terms intersect and overlap, with attention to the dynamism and variety of experiences and expressions

U.S. Perspectives Courses

Courses approved for the 2025-2026 academic year.

Course	Title
ANTHRO 221-0	Social and Health Inequalities
ANTHRO 235-0	Language in Asian America
ANTHRO 382-0	Political Ecology
ASIAN_AM 214-0	Asian American History
ASIAN_AM 235-0	Language in Asian America
ASIAN_AM 247-0	Asian Americans and Popular Culture
ASIAN_AM 251-0	Introduction to Critical Mixed Race Studies
ASIAN_AM 275-0	Introduction to Asian American Literature
ASIAN_AM 276-0	Topics in Literary and Cultural Studies
ASIAN_AM 303-0	Advanced Topics in Social and Cultural Analysis
ASIAN_AM 369-0	Asian American Sexualities
ASIAN_AM 376-0	Advanced Topics in Literature and Culture
BLK_ST 210-0	Introduction to African American Literature

BLK_ST 212-1	Introduction to African-American History: Key concepts from 1700-1861
BLK_ST 212-2	Introduction to African American History: Emancipation to Civil Rights Movement
BLK_ST 214-0	Comparative Race and Ethnic Studies
BLK_ST 215-0	Introduction to Black Social & Political Life
BLK_ST 220-0	Civil Rights and Black Liberation
BLK_ST 236-0	Introduction to Black Studies
BLK_ST 247-0	Black Life. Trans Life.
BLK_ST 251-0	Introduction to Critical Mixed Race Studies
BLK_ST 262-0	Introduction to Black Religions: The North American Experience
BLK_ST 317-0	Black Political Thought
BLK_ST 320-0	Social Meaning of Race
BLK_ST 325-0	Education for Black Liberation
BLK_ST 334-0	Gender and Black Masculinity
BLK_ST 350-0	Theorizing Blackness
BLK_ST 360-0	Major Authors
BLK_ST 365-0	Black Chicago
CFS 391-0	Field Studies in Social Justice
CFS 392-0	Field Studies in Public Health
CFS 394-0	Legal Field Studies
CFS 397-0	Field Studies in Civic Engagement
ENGLISH 266-0	Introduction to African American Literature
ENGLISH 267-0	Topics in African American Literature
ENGLISH 274-0	Introduction to Native American and Indigenous Literatures
ENGLISH 275-0	Introduction to Asian American Literature
ENGLISH 276-0	Topics in Asian American Literature
ENGLISH 277-0	Introduction to Latinx Literature
ENGLISH 280-0	Topics in Multiethnic Literature
ENGLISH 366-0	Studies in African American Literature
ENGLISH 374-0	Studies in Native American and Indigenous Literatures
ENGLISH 375-0	Studies in Asian American Literature
ENGLISH 377-0	Topics in Latinx Literature
ENGLISH 380-0	Studies in Multiethnic American Literature
ENVR_POL 212-0	Environment and Society
ENVR_POL 309-0	American Environmental History
ENVR_POL 339-0	Silent but Loud: Negotiating Health in a Cultural, Food, Poverty, Environ. Caste
ENVR_POL 351-0	Land, Identity and the Sacred
ENVR_POL 354-0	Introduction to Cultural Resource Management and Environmental Policy
ENVR_POL 384-0	Political Ecology
GBL_HLTH 221-0	Beyond Porn: Sexuality, Health and Pleasure
GBL_HLTH 303-0	(Re)mixing Qualitative Methods
GBL_HLTH 317-0	Native American Health Research & Prevention
GBL_HLTH 318-0	Community-based Participatory Research Course
GBL_HLTH 326-0	Native Nations, Healthcare Systems, & U.S. Policy
GBL_HLTH 339-0	Silent but Loud: Negotiating Health in a Cultural, Food, Poverty, Environ. Caste
GNDR_ST 221-0	Beyond Porn: Sexuality, Health and Pleasure
GNDR_ST 230-0	Traditions in Feminist Thought
GNDR_ST 235-0	Beyond the Binary
GNDR_ST 260-0	Critical Fat Studies
GNDR_ST 324-0	US Gay and Lesbian History
GNDR_ST 340-0	Gender, Sexuality, and the Law

GNDR_ST 381-0	Queer Theory	LEGAL_ST 318-1	Legal and Constitutional History of the United States: Colonial Period to 1850
HISTORY 210-1	North America and the United States to 1865	LEGAL_ST 318-2	Legal and Constitutional History of the United States: Since 1850
HISTORY 210-2	History of the United States, Reconstruction to the Present	LEGAL_ST 320-0	The Fourteenth Amendment
HISTORY 211-0	American Wars	LEGAL_ST 333-0	Constitutional Law II: Civil and Political Rights
HISTORY 212-1	Introduction to African-American History: Key concepts from 1700-1861	LEGAL_ST 340-0	Gender, Sexuality, and the Law
HISTORY 212-2	Introduction to African American History: Emancipation to Civil Rights Movement	LEGAL_ST 345-0	Policing Protest
HISTORY 214-0	Asian American History	LEGAL_ST 347-0	Comparative Race & Ethnicity
HISTORY 215-0	History of the American Family	LEGAL_ST 348-0	Race, Politics, and the Law
HISTORY 218-0	The History of Latinas and Latinos in the United States	LEGAL_ST 350-0	Psychology and the Law
HISTORY 219-0	History of the Present	LEGAL_ST 383-0	Gender, Sexuality and The Carceral State
HISTORY 221-0	Famous American Trials	LING 220-0	Language and Society
HISTORY 303-1	American Women's History, to 1865	LING 312-0	Experimental Sociolinguistics
HISTORY 303-2	American Women's History, since 1865	LING 320-0	Sociolinguistics
HISTORY 305-0	American Immigration	NAIS 317-0	Native American Health Research & Prevention
HISTORY 309-0	American Environmental History	NAIS 326-0	Native Nations, Healthcare Systems, & U.S. Policy
HISTORY 310-1	Early American History: Contact and Colonization	PERF_ST 225-0	Black Music Studies
HISTORY 314-0	The Civil War and Reconstruction	PHIL 224-0	Philosophy, Race, and Racism
HISTORY 315-3	The United States Since 1900: Late 20th C. to Present	PHIL 262-0	Ethical Problems and Public Issues
HISTORY 317-1	American Cultural History: 19th C.	PHIL 324-0	Studies in African American Philosophy
HISTORY 318-1	Legal and Constitutional History of the United States: Colonial Period to 1850	POLI_SCI 220-0	American Government and Politics
HISTORY 318-2	Legal and Constitutional History of the United States: 1850 to Present	POLI_SCI 230-0	Introduction to Law in the Political Arena
HISTORY 319-0	US Foreign Relations	POLI_SCI 307-0	Deportation Law and Politics
HISTORY 320-0	The Fourteenth Amendment	POLI_SCI 321-0	Urban Politics
HISTORY 321-0	The Vietnam Wars	POLI_SCI 326-0	Race and Public Policy
HISTORY 324-0	US Gay and Lesbian History	POLI_SCI 327-0	African American Politics
HISTORY 325-0	History of American Technology	POLI_SCI 333-0	Constitutional Law II: Civil and Political Rights
HISTORY 326-0	U.S. Intellectual History	POLI_SCI 334-0	Latino Politics
HISTORY 327-0	Histories of Violence in the United States	POLI_SCI 336-0	Immigration Politics and Policy
HUM 220-0	Health, Biomedicine, Culture, and Society	POLI_SCI 338-0	Labor in America
LATINO 202-0	Introduction to Latina and Latino Studies 202: Movements	POLI_SCI 382-0	Religion, Law, & Politics: Politics of Religious Diversity
LATINO 203-0	Introduction to Latina & Latino Cultural Studies	PSYCH 340-0	Psychology and Law
LATINO 218-0	Latino History	RELIGION 262-0	Introduction to Black Religions: The North American Experience
LATINO 220-0	Placemaking	RELIGION 314-0	Buddhism in the Contemporary World
LATINO 222-0	Latina/o/x Youth	RELIGION 382-0	Religion, Law, & Politics: Politics of Religious Diversity
LATINO 230-0	Grrrls Our Mothers Warned Us About: Introduction to Latine Feminist Sexualities	SOCIOL 206-0	Law and Society
LATINO 231-0	Politics of the Body	SOCIOL 208-0	Race and Society
LATINO 232-0	Queer and Trans Latino Studies	SOCIOL 210-0	Families and Societies
LATINO 277-0	Introduction to Latinx Literature	SOCIOL 212-0	Environment and Society
LATINO 334-0	Latino Politics	SOCIOL 216-0	Gender and Society
LATINO 377-0	Topics in Latinx Literature	SOCIOL 218-0	Education and Inequality: Focus on Chicago
LEGAL_ST 206-0	Law and Society	SOCIOL 220-0	Health, Biomedicine, Culture, and Society
LEGAL_ST 211-0	Law and Popular Culture	SOCIOL 223-0	Masculinities and Society
LEGAL_ST 221-0	Famous American Trials	SOCIOL 235-0	Critical Thought on Race and Ethnicity
LEGAL_ST 235-0	Crime, Punishment, and Social Control	SOCIOL 245-0	Undocumented America
LEGAL_ST 245-0	Undocumented America	SOCIOL 277-0	Native Society: Past and Present
LEGAL_ST 305-0	American Immigration	SOCIOL 307-0	School and Society
LEGAL_ST 308-0	Sociology of Law	SOCIOL 310-0	Sociology of the Family
LEGAL_ST 310-0	Moral Panics	SOCIOL 318-0	Sociology of Law
LEGAL_ST 312-0	Surveillance, Policing, & Law	SOCIOL 320-0	Gender, Health, and Medicine
		SOCIOL 322-0	Sociology of Immigration
		SOCIOL 327-0	Youth and Society
		SOCIOL 328-0	Inequality & American Society
		SOCIOL 348-0	Race, Politics, and the Law
		SOCIOL 356-0	Sociology of Gender

SPANISH 200-0 Advanced Spanish for Heritage Language Learners
 SPANISH 277-0 Introduction to Latinx Literature

Global Perspectives on Power, Justice, and Equity

This perspective addresses the geographic and environmental conditions, historical and present social and political structures, linguistic and cultural formations of groups and individuals primarily outside the United States, focusing on the interaction among cultures.

Learning Objectives for Global Perspectives

In courses satisfying this perspective students will:

- Engage with scholarship describing the historical and contemporary structures, processes, human-environment relationships, and practices that shape global intercultural relations among groups, cultural traditions, and/or nations, focusing primarily on those outside the United States
- Explore the social, political, environmental, and cultural bases of these groups, traditions, and/or nations, and how they constitute themselves and are constituted by others
- Generate the knowledge and develop the skills necessary to grapple with key issues. The following list of possible issues is not intended to be exhaustive but illustrative: appropriation, art, borders, colonialism, diaspora, diplomacy, education, empire, the environment, ethnicity, exploration, health, indigeneity, immigration, migration, nationality, refugees, cultural reception, sustainability, statelessness, travel, and war
- Analyze how these and other terms intersect and overlap, with attention to the dynamism and variety of experiences and expressions

Global Perspectives Courses

Courses approved for the 2025-2026 academic year.

Course	Title
ANTHRO 211-0	Culture & Society
ANTHRO 215-0	The Study of Culture through Language
ANTHRO 238-0	Food in Culture & Society
ANTHRO 326-0	Archaeologies of Sustainability and Collapse
ANTHRO 329-0	Archaeology and Nationalism
ANTHRO 345-0	Black Queer Diaspora
ANTHRO 383-0	Environmental Anthropology
ART_HIST 220-0	Introduction to African Art
ART_HIST 222-0	Black Art in the TransAtlantic World
ART_HIST 226-0	Art and Visual Culture of the Islamic World
ART_HIST 232-0	Introduction to the History of Architecture: 1400 to Present
ART_HIST 235-0	Introduction to Latin American Art
ART_HIST 240-0	Introduction to Asian Art
ART_HIST 255-0	Introduction to Modernism
ART_HIST 328-0	Medievalism in Video Games: Art, Culture and Theory
ART_HIST 340-1	Baroque Art: Italy & Spain 1600–1800
ART_HIST 342-0	Eighteenth-Century European Art
ART_HIST 350-1	19th-Century Art 1: 1789–1848
ART_HIST 350-2	19th-Century Art 2: 1848–1914
ART_HIST 360-0	20th Century Art
ART_HIST 386-0	Special Topics in the Arts of Africa

ASIAN_AM 216-0	Global Asians
ASIAN_LC 300-0	Advanced Topics in Chinese Literature and Culture
ASIAN_LC 375-0	South Asian Societies
ASIAN_LC 390-0	Advanced Topics in Asian Languages and Cultures
ASIAN_LC 392-0	Advanced Studies in Asian Film, Media, and Visual Culture
ASIAN_LC 393-0	Asian Environmental Humanities
BLK_ST 213-0	History of the Black World
BLK_ST 275-0	Africans and African Americans: Cultural Entanglements
COMP_LIT 207-0	Introduction to Critical Theory
ENGLISH 265-0	Introduction to Postcolonial Literature
ENGLISH 281-0	Topics in Postcolonial & Comparative Literatures
ENGLISH 287-0	Topics in Global Literatures
ENGLISH 365-0	Studies in Postcolonial Literature
ENGLISH 369-0	Studies in African Literature
ENVR_POL 251-0	The Politics of Disaster: A Global Environmental History
ENVR_POL 337-0	Hazard, Disaster and Society
ENVR_POL 338-0	Environmental Justice
ENVR_POL 340-0	Global Environments and World History
ENVR_POL 370-0	Climate Change Law and Policy
ENVR_POL 383-0	Environmental Anthropology
ENVR_POL 385-0	Archaeologies of Sustainability and Collapse
FRENCH 211-0	Reading Cultures in French
FRENCH 271-0	Introducing the Novel
FRENCH 355-0	Topics in Modern and Contemporary French Literature and Culture
FRENCH 365-0	The Maghreb and the Middle East
FRENCH 386-0	Gender & Writing
FRENCH 395-0	Advanced Studies in Culture and Thought
GBL_HLTH 201-0	Introduction to Global Health
GBL_HLTH 302-0	Global Bioethics
GBL_HLTH 306-0	Biomedicine and Culture
GBL_HLTH 309-0	Biomedicine and World History
GBL_HLTH 321-0	War and Public Health
GBL_HLTH 322-0	Global Epidemics
GBL_HLTH 323-0	Global Health from Policy to Practice
GBL_HLTH 324-0	Volunteerism and the Ethics of Help
GBL_HLTH 325-0	History of Reproductive Health
GBL_HLTH 327-0	Infectious Disease Eradication
GBL_HLTH 328-0	Human Circulations and Human Values: Global Mobilities of People and Products
GBL_HLTH 337-0	Hazard, Disaster and Society
GBL_HLTH 338-0	Environmental Justice
GERMAN 224-0	Contemporary Germany
GERMAN 224-SA	Contemporary Germany
GERMAN 234-1	Jews and Germans: An Intercultural History I
GERMAN 234-2	Jews and Germans: An Intercultural History II
GERMAN 248-0	Migration in the German Past and Present: Gastarbeiter, Refugees, Displaced Persons
GERMAN 303-0	Advanced Creative Expression in German speaking
GERMAN 328-0	Prague: City of Cultures, City of Conflict
GERMAN 335-0	Minority Voices in Germany
GERMAN 337-0	Science and Culture in Germany
GERMAN 349-0	The Holocaust
GNDR_ST 233-0	Gender, Politics, and Philosophy
GNDR_ST 341-0	Transnational Perspectives on Gender and Sexuality

HISTORY 201-1	Europe in the Medieval and Early Modern World	ITALIAN 251-0	Introduction to Italian Cinema
HISTORY 201-2	Europe in the Modern World	ITALIAN 277-0	Global Neorealism
HISTORY 203-1	Jewish History I: 750-1492	ITALIAN 371-0	Media Aesthetic Education
HISTORY 203-2	Jewish History II: Early Modern, 1492-1789	ITALIAN 377-0	Gender and Sexuality in Italian Culture
HISTORY 203-3	Jewish History III: 1789-1948	JWSH_ST 203-1	Jewish History I: 750-1492
HISTORY 216-0	Global Asians	JWSH_ST 203-2	Jewish History II: Early Modern, 1492-1789
HISTORY 220-0	History of the Future	JWSH_ST 203-3	Jewish History III: 1789-1948
HISTORY 248-0	Global Legal History	JWSH_ST 349-0	The Holocaust
HISTORY 249-0	The End of Citizenship	LEGAL_ST 248-0	Global Legal History
HISTORY 250-1	Global History: Early Modern to Modern Transition	LEGAL_ST 356-0	Constitutional Challenges in Comparative Perspective
HISTORY 250-2	Global History: The Modern World	MENA 200-0	Making the Modern Middle East: Culture, Politics, History
HISTORY 251-0	The Politics of Disaster: A Global Environmental History	PERF_ST 308-0	Contemporary Middle Eastern Performance
HISTORY 252-0	Global History of Refugees	PHIL 220-0	Introduction to Critical Theory
HISTORY 253-0	A Global History of Prisons and Camps	PHIL 221-0	Gender, Politics, & Philosophy
HISTORY 254-0	Entrepreneurship: A Global History	PHIL 222-0	Introduction to Africana Philosophy
HISTORY 255-1	African Civilizations	PHIL 275-0	Climate Change and Sustainability: Ethical Dimensions
HISTORY 255-3	Modern Africa	PHIL 375-0	Issues in Environmental Philosophy
HISTORY 260-2	History of Modern Latin America	POLI_SCI 240-0	Introduction to International Relations
HISTORY 262-0	Pirates, Guns, and Empires	POLI_SCI 250-0	Introduction to Comparative Politics
HISTORY 264-0	The Age of Revolutions, 1775-1848	POLI_SCI 304-0	Human Rights Between East and West
HISTORY 265-0	Women's Sports: A Global History	POLI_SCI 341-0	International Political Economy
HISTORY 275-1	History of Early Modern Science and Medicine	POLI_SCI 343-0	Politics of International Law
HISTORY 275-2	History of Modern Science and Medicine	POLI_SCI 347-0	Ethics in International Relations
HISTORY 282-0	Sino-American Relations in the Modern World	POLI_SCI 350-0	Social Movements
HISTORY 284-2	Early Modern Japan	POLI_SCI 351-0	Politics of the Middle East
HISTORY 286-0	World War II in Asia	POLI_SCI 352-0	Global Development
HISTORY 340-0	Gender, War, and Revolution in the 20th Century	POLI_SCI 354-0	Politics of Southeast Asia
HISTORY 349-0	The Holocaust	POLI_SCI 356-0	Constitutional Challenges in Comparative Perspective
HISTORY 351-0	Europe in the Age of Total War	POLI_SCI 359-0	Politics of Africa
HISTORY 352-0	A Global History of Death and Dying	POLI_SCI 362-0	Politics of Europe
HISTORY 353-0	History of Capitalism, 1500-1850	POLI_SCI 374-0	Politics of Capitalism
HISTORY 354-0	History of Socialism	POLI_SCI 376-0	Civil Wars
HISTORY 366-0	Latin America in the Independence Era: American Indians and Nations	POLI_SCI 377-0	Drugs and Politics
HISTORY 367-0	History of Mexico	POLI_SCI 383-0	War and Change in International Politics
HISTORY 370-0	Music and Nation in Latin America	POLI_SCI 384-0	International Responses to Mass Atrocities
HISTORY 376-0	Global Environments and World History	PORT 296-0	Introductory Topics in Luso-Afro-Brazilian Studies
HISTORY 379-0	Biomedicine and World History	PORT 380-0	Contemporary Brazil: Literature and Film
HISTORY 381-1	Qing China	PSYCH 317-0	The Holocaust: Psychological Themes & Perspectives
HISTORY 381-2	Modern China: The Twentieth Century	RELIGION 312-0	Buddhism and Gender
HISTORY 381-3	Modern China: Post-Mao Reforms, 1978-2016	RELIGION 351-0	Islamic Law
HISTORY 381-SA	Beijing: Politics and Power in Modern China	RELIGION 360-0	Black Religions
HISTORY 382-0	The Modern Japanese City	SLAVIC 218-0	Introduction to Polish Literature
HISTORY 385-1	History of Modern South Asia, 1500-1800	SLAVIC 250-SA	Balkan Civilizations
HISTORY 385-2	History of Modern South Asia, ca. 1750-present	SLAVIC 318-0	Polish Cinema
HISTORY 386-2	Southeast Asia in the Age of Empire	SLAVIC 328-0	Prague: City of Cultures, City of Conflict
HISTORY 386-3	Southeast Asia: Decolonization & Independence	SOCIO 305-0	Population Dynamics
HUM 329-0	Archaeology and Nationalism	SOCIO 317-0	Global Development
INTL_ST 383-1	Elliott Scholars Program: Foundation Topics in Global Affairs	SPANISH 204-0	Advanced Spanish II: Artivism in the Spanish-Speaking World
INTL_ST 383-2	Elliott Scholars Program: Foundation Topics II in Global Affairs	SPANISH 222-0	The Novel in Latin America: Society, State, Nature
INTL_ST 393-SA	Development in the Global Context: Participation, Power, and Social Change	SPANISH 223-0	Cervantes (Taught in English)
ISEN 230-0	Climate Change and Sustainability: Ethical Dimensions	SPANISH 231-0	The "New" Latin American Narrative (Taught in English)
ISEN 375-0	Issues in Environmental Philosophy	SPANISH 260-0	Literature in Colonial Latin America
		SPANISH 261-0	Literature in Modern Latin America

SPANISH 340-0	Colonial Latin American Literature
SPANISH 346-0	Testimonial Narrative in Latin America
SPANISH 349-0	Critical Thought in Latin Amer
SPANISH 350-0	Visual Culture in Latina/o America and Spain
SPANISH 362-0	Citizenship and Urban Violence in Latin America