Social Identities and Systems Thinking

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All Level; 8 credits

Faculty:

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Program Description

Power and interests affect our human experiences, understandings, and our attempts at change. Power is multifaceted; it is both material and psychological. In this course, we will examine society and culture as they relate to categorizations of power and difference. Using a critical psychology lens, we will integrate knowledge of the self with knowledge of social factors that influence our lives and communities. More specifically, we will confront beliefs and practices that enable systemic oppression to persist over time. This course will provide a historical foundation for students to understand contemporary relationships between social identities and systems of oppression. This is the first of two courses that comprise the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Certificate at Evergreen.

Fields of Study: Psychology; sociology

Credit Equivalencies:

- 2- Social Psychology
- 2- Systems Thinking

Class Schedule

Tuesday 6:00-7:50pm

Seminar (Remote/Online)

Major assignments:

- Weekly readings & asynchronous lectures
- Seminar participation and co-facilitation
- Weekly seminar papers
- Final Integrative Project