

*University Studies 212C*  
*American Studies: American Pluralism*  
*Sophomore Inquiry: Fall, 2005*  
**Working Schedule, page 1**

Week/Date	Topics	Packet Readings	Media	Activities/Relevant Bio
<b><i>Perplexities of American Pluralism</i></b>				
<b>1</b>	Sep 27 Explanation of Syllabus & Introduction to the Term	Syllabus, Schedule # 1, 2, 3 & 4	Rodriguez on immigration; Multicultural media	Finding your personal heritage
	Sep 29 Historical Overview American Exceptionalism	# 5, 6, 7, & 8	American Exceptionalism PP	"How is America Exceptional?"
<b>2</b>	Oct 4 Working Concepts Frames of Reference	# 9, 10, & 11		Drawing "My Status Set"
	Oct 6 Seeing the World(s) Drawing the Line(s)	# 12 & 13	Chinese medicine video Kennewick Man video	"Drawing the Line" Exercise
<b>3</b>	Oct 11 Ethnicity, Race, Religion, Nationality, Gender Dilemmas: Myth or Reality	# 14, 15, 16, 17, & 18		
	Oct 13 Assimilation Historical/Contemporary	# 19, 20, 21, & 22	Roundtable video: intermarriage	Class/Name Exercise
<b>4</b>	Oct 18 Anglo Primacy: The Melting Pot (the old immigration and platitudes)	# 19, 20, 21, & 22		<i>Breadgivers</i>
	Oct 20 Outlyers: Indigenous People (Leave Us Alone)	# 23 & 24	Wounded Knee video	<i>Bloodlines</i>
<b>5</b>	Oct 25 What is a Nation? What is a People?	# 25, 26, & 27	No More War video	Dealing with these questions
	Oct 27 Outlyers: Black Exceptionalism (We Shaped the Culture But Can't Get In)	#28, 29, & 30	Afro-centric School video	<i>Makes Me Wanna Holler</i>

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<b>6</b>	Nov 1 Asian Americans (Not Always Quiet Absorbtion)	# 31	Wassau Video	<i>The Accidental Asian</i>
	Nov 3 Hispanic Americans (Changing the Rules)	# 32 & 33	Hispanic Populations PP	<i>Hunger of Memory</i>
<b>7</b>	Nov 8 Review & Reflections			Where we are now EXAM PART I
	Nov 10 Muslim/ Arab Americans (Fundamental/ist Challenge)	# 34	Islamic School video	<i>West of Kabul, East of New York</i>
<b>8</b>	Nov 15 The Anomaly of Sex/Gender	# 35 & 36	The Pinks & the Blues video	
	Nov 17 Contemporary Strains: New "isms" and Identity Politics	#37 & 38	Christian Fundamentalists video	
<b>9</b>	Nov 22 Is Postculturalism Possible? (Whiteness Studies )	#39, 40, & 41	Richard Rodriguez interview video	EXAM PART II
	Nov 24	<b>THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY</b>		
<b>10</b>	Nov 29 GROUP PRESENTATIONS			
	Dec 1 GROUP PRESENTATIONS			
<b>11</b>	Dec 6 SCHEDULED FINAL EXAM 8:00 am – 9:50 pm			EXAM PART II DUE