

JSIS 278: Global Challenges; Diaspora Communities in Seattle and Beyond

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Overview

This class is about diaspora communities, or those immigrant groups who maintain social, political and/or economic ties to the former homeland.

The main goal of the class is to deconstruct the nature of these ties and how they help or hinder diaspora members in understanding their place in the world and their assimilation into American society.

Role of Service-Learning in the Course

There is also participatory service with a local organization from which students will gather data about diaspora communities in Seattle. Service learning component is an important part of the class and key to our better understanding of how diaspora communities operate and the function they serve in the community.

Assignments Related to Service-Learning

Students work in small group in completing a variety of assignments - including Worksheets during class session. There are also mini-debates, thought papers, and a capstone individual Ted Talk presentation at the end of the course. There will also be a mid-term and a final exam.

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