

Course: Social Problems and Issues (SOCY 105)

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Module Title: “Ethnic Conflict: The Case of Rwandan Genocide in 1994”

The current course examines various social problems/issues. Among the major problems examined in the course is the issue of race and ethnic inequality. A large number of students are familiar with race and ethnic issues within the United States. There is a significant presence of international students who might have had some experience with these issues from their country of origin and would be a good resource for examples across the globe.



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This module will give students an opportunity to examine ethnicity as a global social problem using an intersectionality approach, which includes historical, social, cultural, economic and political considerations. Students will remember that understanding ethnic conflict and/or violence involves considering historical, social, cultural, economic and political factors on a global scale.

Upon completing this internationalized module, students will be able to:

- Analyze the Rwandan genocide case in connection to global social, cultural, economic and political systems
- Demonstrate an understanding of the interconnectedness of world systems (such as social, cultural, economic, political, etc.)
- Show the ability to explain a social problem/issue from multiple viewpoints.



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Students will select their own case study related to social problems/issues from different parts of the world to analyze and present in class. Students will be evaluated on their ability to identify an appropriate social problem/issue case and explain the significance of global social, cultural, economic and political systems with regard to understanding the issue.