Understanding past scientific attitudes on racial variation helps place modern concepts of human diversity in a broader intellectual, scientific, and anthropological context. The concept of race and its historical origins are considered, scientific studies on race from classical Greco-Roman times, through the 19th Century, and into the present are discussed and the application of scientific methods to affirm social systems of racial, sexual, national, and class prejudice and discrimination are reviewed in historical, modern, scientific & anthropological perspectives. This course will require you to interact with racial material and with each other to address ethical issues, social responsibility, diversity of humans, the consequences of past and present actions, and race-based policy which uses science and the scientific method as justification. This course explores the importance of science and physical anthropology in the structuring and understanding of race, highlighting the diversity of the human experience can be reduced to a myth that uses science as its justification. We will explore how science is biased from the temporal perspective, and how historical race bias continues to influence modern science and modern society. Finally, this course will challenge you to work together to critically discuss and assess race and racial issues, both historically and presently.