



The Politics of Imprisonment

CHID 480D

This course explores the histories behind and politics of mass incarceration in the U.S. It will center on how legal and legislative decisions, institutional structures, and cultural ideas have contributed to a condition in which mass incarceration serves to “answer” a number of social problems, while the current prison system in fact perpetuates and exacerbates these problems. The course will also address how race, gender, sexuality, and other forms of difference shape and are shaped by the carceral state.

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