

Overview of the Online Module: Introduction to Critical Theories

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This module looks at what critical theory is, with a focus on intersectionality, critical disability studies, and critical race theory.

The following table provides an at-a-glance view of the main segments of the module and the subsections within each segment. A list of suggested assignments, readings, and other resources comprise a final segment, *Resources for the Module*.

Segment	Subsections	Length of Subsection
Welcome to the Module! Please read this first.	An Overview of the Module	
	A Quick Introduction to the Critical Theories Video: “A Very Abbreviated Tour of Critical Theories” with Dr. Stack	4:38 minutes
	Meet Your Instructors	Dr. Heidi Janz Dr. Bathseba Opini Dr. Michelle Stack
	Key Readings: Critical Theories	
Segment 1: Critical Disability and Ableism	1.1 What is ableism?	
	Video: “On Ableism and Language with Dr. Janz and Dr. Stack”	5:36 minutes
	Key Readings on Ableism and Approaches to Disability Studies	
	1.2 People First vs. Identity First	
	Key Readings	
	1.3 Inclusive Research and Representations of Disability	
	Key Readings	
	1.4 Inclusive Space: Universal Design	
	Video: “On Inclusive Space with Dr. Janz and Dr. Stack”	4:13 minutes
	Key readings	
1.5 The Importance of Reading Disability Studies Scholars		
Video: “Reading Disability Studies Scholars” (Dr. Janz and Dr. Stack)	3:05 minutes	
Segment 2: Critical Race Studies	2.0 Overview and Readings for this Segment	
	Video: “5 Things You Should Know about Racism” (Franchesca Ramsey, MTV News)	6:18 minutes

	Video: “The Racialization Process” (Dr. Carlos A. Hoyt Jr.)	2:10 minutes
	Key Readings on Race & Related Concepts	
	2.1 Racism and Education	
	Video: “Dr Annette Henry Interviews Dr Carl James about Racism and Equitable Education”	17:51 minutes
	Key Readings	
	2.2 White Supremacy and White Fragility	
	Video: “How White Fragility Reinforces Racism” (Robin DiAngelo, The Guardian)	5:17 minutes
	Key Readings	
	2.3 Decolonial Theory	
	Podcast: Dr. Stack “In Conversation with Dr. Amy Parent”	31:10 minutes
	PowerPoint Slideshow with Audio: Dr. Stack with “Dr. Amy Parent on What Does It Mean to Do Decolonial Work”	12:01 minutes
	Key Readings on Decolonizing and Anti-Colonial Theory	
Segment 3: Intersectionality	3.1 Defining Intersectionality	
	Video: “Dr. Opini Defines Intersectionality”	5:34 minutes
	Key Readings on Intersectionality	
	Video: “Kimberle Crenshaw on Intersectionality”	30:46 minutes
	Key Readings on Intersectionality and Education	
	3.2 Intersectional and Global Southern Theory	
	Video: “Dr. Opini on Global Southern Scholarship”	19:57 minutes
	Key Readings on Intersectional and Global Southern Theory	
Segment 4: Resources for the Module	4.1 Allyship and Respectful Research	
	Video: “Inclusive Research with Dr. Janz and Dr. Stack”	6:19 minutes
	Inclusive Research	
	Video: “Dr. Opini Talks about Mentorship and Allyship”	2:17 minutes

	Key Readings on Allyship and Respectful Research	
	4.2 Suggested Assignments	
	4.3 Reading Lists	