



# *Introduction to Decolonial/Coloniality Studies*

**Winter 2026**

**LLC 750.01**

**Mondays - Thursdays  
January 5 through 22 \*  
4:40 - 7:50 p.m.**

**Sherman Hall  
Room 202A**

This course offers a very brief introduction to the interrelated fields of Decolonial Studies and Coloniality Studies. Over the winter session, in this seminar style course, we will read an article, an essay or an excerpt of a key essay, by key theorists in these fields, and meet to have a conversation about the larger philosophical interventions that they make in Western Thought. Some of the scholars we will read include: Sylvia Wynter, Walter Mignolo, Yuderks Espinosa Miñoso, Denise Ferreira da Silva, Katherine McKittrick, Rinaldo Walcott and others writing from the Americas. This is a very “intro” course that will introduce you to their ideas so that when you encounter them later in another course, you will be ready gain a deeper understanding of their intellectual work.

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**\* No class Monday, January 19, 2026**