Race and racism are subjects of obvious importance in the United States and, more generally, the modern world. What insights can philosophy bring to the task of understanding them, and ultimately getting rid of racism? Though race is a very non-traditional subject in philosophy, the last few decades have seen a growing body of work in the area. In this course we will look at such issues as: the history of racism; the conceptual analysis of racism; the “metaphysics” of race; the phenomenology of a racialized existence; the nature of “whiteness”; and the moral and political challenges posed by a racialized social world.