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**From:** Inform  
**Subject:** EM: SUPER COOL SUMMER COURSE: Taylor Swift / Beyoncé / Olivia Rodrigo Summer Pitzer Course (AMST/FGS 012)

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**From:** Analise Pugh

**Please be sure to register by 11:59pm on Thursday April 25<sup>th</sup>!**



What can Taylor Swift teach us about US imperialism or Beyoncé about racialization? This version of AMST/FGS 012: Intro to Race, Ethnicity, and American Cultural Studies is themed "Race and Femme Musical Celebrity." Centering mainstream femme/woman-aligned music artists, this summer online Pitzer American Studies and Feminist & Gender Studies course examines artifacts of American popular music culture--e.g., music videos, song lyrics, media events, fandoms, drag performances, critical and audience reception--to analyze race, gender, and US culture. Artists to be studied include Whitney Houston, Selena, Nina Simone, Beyoncé, Taylor Swift, Mitski, Karen Carpenter, Olivia Rodrigo, Missy Elliott, Janelle Monáe, Ariana Grande, and Nicki Minaj. Topics include racialization, gender

and sexual formation, militarism, settler/colonialism, neoliberalism, globalization, empire, capitalism, and queer identity.

The course meets via Zoom MWF 1-3:05 PM during Pitzer's summer session. It can count as a media studies elective for media studies majors/minors and can fulfill the Area 1 & Analyzing Difference general education requirements at Pomona; the Humanities & Fine Arts and Intercultural Understanding-Local general education requirements at Pitzer; and the Race & Ethnic Studies and Gender & Women's Studies general education requirements at Scripps. Please contact [stef.torralba@pomona.edu](mailto:stef.torralba@pomona.edu) for more information. **\*Please register by 11:59 PM April 25! Registration instructions can be found [here](#).\***

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*Office Hours for Spring 2024 TBD based on availabilities of enrolled students*

***Class Zoom (for office hours and virtual meetings):*** <http://tinyurl.com/stef-classes-spring-2024>

Meeting ID: 847 5550 7520

Passcode: SP2024