

Diploma thesis „African Americans versus Latinos in Los Angeles; Coalition or Conflict?“ deals with the issue of inter-minority relations in the Los Angeles area. The project is divided into several parts in order to make it easier for the reader to orientate and to draw point more clearly. The first part deals with the establishment of both communities within the Los Angeles area, focusing on the most important events shaping their developments. The next part then analyzes the reasons for increasing conflicts by stressing the most important ones and by trying to apply the general theories of race relations within the United States. It basically focuses on the educational sphere, the problem of both Latinos and blacks dropping-out in large numbers and the increasing violence connected to gang activities. In the next chapter, the political scene comes into question; the 2001 and 2005 Mayoral Races are analyzed and compared in order to draw conclusions and provide possible explanations for their outcomes. Moreover, a general background for the urban political theory of minorities is provided. Furthermore, the next part deals with the increasing competition within the economic sphere; this part tries to answer the question to what extent and in what ways has Latino immigrants impacted the lives of native Americans. The last part then analyzes the possible future outcomes of black-Latino relations by predicting various scenarios.