

COURSE NUMBER: PSY*253

COURSE TITLE: Multicultural Issues in Psychology

CATALOG DESCRIPTION: This course is designed to provide students an understanding of diversity issues and invite a healthy dialogue on multicultural topics. Emphasis will be placed on the relations between different groups and the impact on individual members of groups. The course will assist in developing awareness, particularly for those interested in working in multicultural settings, of the varying needs of a pluralistic society. Lectures will be structured to permit an open discussion and critical reflection grounded in both personal experience and scholarly readings.

PREREQUISITE: PSY 111

GENERAL EDUCATION COMPETENCIES SATISFIED:
HCC General Education Requirement Designated Competency Attribute Code(s):

Additional CSCU General Education Requirements for CSCU Transfer Degree Programs:

Global Knowledge (GENL)CSCU Transfer Degree Elective (Formerly Add'l Gen Ed II)

BHEL Behavioral Science elective
General Education Goals and Outcomes:

Global Knowledge: Students are able to apply theories and methods of social sciences. Students can make informed evaluations of contemporary (post WW II) social institutions and phenomena outside the United States. Students explore non-U.S. perspectives on global social institutions and phenomena.

COURSE SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES:

1. Identify the history, nature, rationale, and scope of cross-cultural psychology.
2. Understand and examine historical and contemporary research methodologies in cross-cultural psychology from both an Eastern and Western perspective.
3. Explain the ways culture impacts our cognition, language, identity and personality.
4. Describe the influence of culture on social relationships, social attitudes, and social institutions from both a contemporary Eastern and Western perspective.
5. Articulate the cultural influences in human developmental processes, transitions and rituals.

COURSE CONTENT:

1. Models and Methods
 - a. Developmental Niche
 - b. Ecological Model
 - c. Qualitative and Quantitative Approaches
2. Historical Perspectives
3. Cultural Evolution and Cultural Ecology
4. Cultural Influences
 - a. Human Development
 - b. Language and Nonverbal Communication
 - c. Cognition and Perception
 - d. Self-Identity and Personality
5. Socialization Across Cultures
 - a. Attitudes, Prejudice, and Discrimination
 - b. Relationships
 - c. Influence
6. Culture, Health and Psychopathology

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