



Course Syllabus

Course: COMM-280 Intercultural Communication

COURSE SUMMARY

Course Code:	COMM-280
Course Title:	Intercultural Communication
Credits:	3
Level:	Undergraduate
Prerequisites:	None
Type of Instruction:	e-learning
Language of Instruction:	English
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DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES

The course will introduce students to key concepts, theories and current debates related to cultural studies and intercultural communication, emphasizing on the diversity of human experience and variation in human formation.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

After the completion of the course students are expected to be able to:

- Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of key concepts and theories of intercultural communication
- Cultivate a fundamental capacity for understanding and appreciating unfamiliar and familiar cultures and an ability to interpret “difference” in cultural context
- Develop intercultural communicational skills
- Develop an understanding of the host country’s cultural features
- Organize the available time and cope with deadlines
- Make efficient use of libraries, bibliography
- Develop academic research skills
- Reflect critically on one’s own culture

EVALUATION AND GRADING

- 20% Participation in Board discussions and Forum topics with instructor and classmates.
- 30% Assignments: Students will be given 8 short assignments to observe and/or interact with others or to reflect critically on the topics covered in each module

20% Mid-term exam

30% Final exam

Forum Topics	200 points
Assignments	300 points
Mid-Term	200 points
Final Exam	300 points
Total	1,000 points

GRADING SCALE

A	960– 1000	B-	800- 839	D+	656- 684
A-	920- 959	C+	760- 799	D	630- 659
B+	880- 919	C	720- 759	D-	600- 629
B	840- 879	C-	685- 719	F	0- 599

COURSE SCHEDULE

WEEK	TOPICS
1	Introduction to the course
2	Defining the Concepts, Studying Intercultural Communication, Human Communication, Communication and Culture, Deep Structure Institutions, Family
3	Social Structures, History, Our Antecedents, The Future
4	Cultural Identity, Hall's Levels of Identity, Worldview
5	Religion as Worldview, Western Religions, Eastern Religions, Cultural Values and Patterns Kohls' American Values
6	Hofstede's Value Index, Hall's Contexts, Theories of culture, Language: Verbal Communication, Language and Meaning, Language and Culture
7	Mid-term exam
8	Studying Culture: Ethnography
9	Nonverbal Communication
10	The Business Context, The Educational Context, The Health Care Context
11	Challenges to Competence, Ethical Considerations
12	Final exam