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## **SPEECH 310: INTERCULTURAL COMMUNICATION**

### **Course Description and Objectives**

**This course provides an introduction to communication between people from different cultures. Course content focuses on the application of theory and research to intercultural communication. Specifically, this course is designed to:**

- 1. Increase understanding of the relationship between culture and communication;**
- 2. Provide an intellectual framework that allows description and understanding of communication between culturally heterogeneous individuals;**
- 3. Explain the role of cultural patterns, verbal codes, and nonverbal codes in the development of intercultural interpersonal relationships;**
- 4. Describe obstacles to competent intercultural communication;**
- 5. Develop communication skills that improve competence in intercultural communication;**  
**Develop awareness of the dimensions of the diversity of cultures;**
- 7. Better understand the impact of changes occurring in the world community;**
- 8. Develop an awareness of the American/Western culture in the context of an international community;**
- 9. Work effectively in an intercultural group/team;**
- 10. Complete a brief research/study relating to cultural understanding.**

### **Required Textbook**

**Myron W. Lustig and Jolene Koester, *Intercultural Competence: Interpersonal Communication Across Cultures*, Third Edition, Addison Wesley Longman, Inc., 1998.**

COURSE REQUIREMENTS ( More details on requirements will be discussed later.)

1. Meaningful participation and attendance (5 pt. ea. class session) ( 50 pts)
2. A brief research/study report on a culture. 5 - 7 pages (100 pts)
3. Group research/presentation ( 50 pts)
4. Exam (3) based on textbook, classroom presentation, supplementary information distributed ( 300 pts)

( Guide for Grading)

A = 95% 475 - 500 pts

B = 85% 425 - 474 pts

C = 75% 375 - 424 pts

D = 65% 325 - 374 pts

F = Below 65% 373 pts

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**COMMUNICATION 310**  
CLASS SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

SESSION	DATE	ACTIVITY	READING ASSIGNMENT FOR NEXT SESSION
1	1/08/01	Course overview/orientation "Communication Overview" "Communication in Context of Changing World Society" "Discovering the future"	Chapters 1 & 2 Japanese
2	1/22/01	Introduction to Intercultural Competence Communication and Cultural Differences Japanese Culture	Chapters 3 & 4 Filipino
3	1/29/01	Intercultural Communication Competence Cultural Patterns and Communication: Foundations Filipino Culture	Chapter 5, 6
4	2/05/01	Exam #1 Ch. 1, 2, 3, 4, Japanese & Filipino Cultures, Changes Organize Groups  Cultural Patterns and Communication: Taxonomies Cultural Identity, Cultural Biases and Intercultural Contact	Chapters 7 & 8
5	2/12/01	Verbal Intercultural Communication Non Verbal Intercultural Communication Group Planning/Interaction	Chapter 9
6	2/26/01	Group Presentations on Culture The Effects of Code Usage in Intercultural Communication	Chapter 10 Samoa
7	3/05/01	Exam #2 Ch. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 Intercultural Competence in Interpersonal Relationships Samoa Culture	Chapter 11 Hawaiian
8	3/12/01	Episodes Context and Intercultural Interactions Research on Culture due Hawaiian Culture	Chapter 12 Co-Cultures
9	3/19/01	The Potential for Intercultural Competence Co-Cultures	
10	3/21/01	Culminating Activity Exam #3 Ch. 10, 11, 12, Co-cultures, Hawaiian & Samoa Cultures	

The instructor will provide supplementary information for study, discussion, and examination at various times throughout the course.