



School of Education and Behavioral Sciences
Psychology

PSY436 Cross Cultural Psychology

FLEX Online Asynchronous

Credits: 3 Term: FLEX Spring Accelerated 4/13 – 6/22/2026

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Communication

At any time during the term if you have any questions you can contact me through either email (dfryxell@chaminade.edu) or phone (808-739-4678). My goal is always to respond to all emails and phone messages within 48 hours (Monday to Friday).

Canvas Technical Assistance

- Search for help on specific topics or get tips in Canvas Students
- Live chat with Canvas Support for students
- Canvas Support Hotline for students: +1-833-209-6111
- Watch this video to get you started
- Online tutorials: click on “Students” role to access tutorials
- Contact the Chaminade IT Helpdesk for technical issues: helpdesk@chaminade.edu or call (808) 735-4855

School & Department Information

School of Education and Behavioral Sciences

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If you have questions regarding the Psychology Department, reach out to your Instructor or the School of Education and Behavioral Sciences.

Course Description & Materials

Catalog Course Description

This course will provide an overview of the field of cross-cultural psychology and examine theories of psychology as they apply to different cultures. The student will examine how cross-cultural research in psychology has affected our understanding of traditional truths and psychological principles about human behavior, the limitations of this knowledge, and our current understanding of human behaviors in terms of their universal or culture-specific nature.

Prerequisites: PSY 101, EN 102, COM 101

Time Allocation

This is a three-credit hour course requiring 135 clock hours of student engagement, per the official CUH Credit Hour Policy. Over the duration of this course, students will spend 30 hours reading and studying the textbook chapters, 15 hours reviewing the chapter presentation PowerPoints, 15 hours taking the chapter quizzes, 15 hours completing the Final Integrative Paper, and 34.5 hours completing the course activities, and 7.5 hours participating in discussions. There will be an additional 18 hours of work required beyond what is listed here (i.e., reviewing materials, conducting individual research).

Required Materials

Text: Matsumoto, D. & Juang, L. (2023). Culture and psychology (7th ed.). Belmont: CA: Thomson Higher Education (ISBN-13: 9780357658079)

Recommended Items

Basic computer skills are needed for this course.

[Canvas \(https://chaminade.instructure.com\)](https://chaminade.instructure.com)

This course will be using the Canvas learning management system. Canvas is a web-based Learning Management System (LMS) used by educational institutions to facilitate course delivery, management, and communication. It allows instructors to create, organize, and manage course materials, assignments, grades, quizzes, and discussions. Canvas offers a user-friendly interface that supports multimedia content, integrated tools (like video conferencing and analytics), and a mobile app for easy access. It also features collaborative learning options, such as group assignments and peer reviews. Canvas enhances both teaching and learning experiences through its flexibility, integration capabilities, and accessibility.

Learning Outcomes

Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs)

Upon completion of the psychology program, the student will be able to:

1. identify key concepts, principles, and overarching themes in psychology.
2. exhibit the value of adaptation and change through the critical thinking process of interpretation, design, and evaluation of psychological research.
3. exhibit effective writing and oral communication skills within the context of the field of psychology.
4. exhibit the value of educating the whole person through the description and explanation of the dynamic nature between one's mind, body, and social influences

Course Learning Outcomes (CLOs)

Upon completion of PSY436, the student will be able to:

1. describe the historical and cultural factors related to adolescent development.
2. discuss the developmental aspects of growth including physical, cognitive, social, and emotional development.
3. express research-based views on the conditions necessary for optimal development during adolescence.
4. identify how the Marianist Educational Values are integrated into the course.

Marianist Values

This class represents one component of your education at Chaminade University of Honolulu. An education in the Marianist Tradition is marked by five principles and you should take every opportunity possible to reflect upon the role of these characteristics in your education and

development:

1. Education for formation in faith.
2. Provide an integral, quality education.
3. Educate in family spirit.
4. Educate for service, justice and peace, and integrity of creation.
5. Educate for adaptation and change.

This course focuses on the Marianist value of educating for adaptation and change by helping students understand how culture impacts the ways that people think, feel, and behave. This understanding not only helps us to understand other people but also ourselves.

Native Hawaiian Values

Education is an integral value in both Marianist and Native Hawaiian culture. Both recognize the transformative effect of a well-rounded, value-centered education on society, particularly in seeking justice for the marginalized, the forgotten, and the oppressed, always with an eye toward God (Ke Akua). This is reflected in the 'Olelo No'eau (Hawaiian proverbs) and Marianist core beliefs:

1. Educate for Formation in Faith (Mana) E ola au i ke akua ('Olelo No'eau 364) May I live by God.
2. Provide an Integral, Quality Education (Na'auao) Lawe i ka ma'alea a kū'ono'ono ('Olelo No'eau 1957) Acquire skill and make it deep.
3. Educate in Family Spirit ('Ohana) 'Ike aku, 'ike mai, kōkua aku kōkua mai; pela iho la ka nohana 'ohana ('Olelo No'eau 1200) Recognize others, be recognized, help others, be helped; such is a family relationship.
4. Educate for Service, Justice and Peace (Aloha) Ka lama kū o ka no'eau ('Olelo No'eau 1430) Education is the standing torch of wisdom.
5. Educate for Adaptation and Change (Aina) 'A'ohe pau ka 'ike i ka hālau ho'okahi ('Olelo No'eau 203) All knowledge is not taught in the same school

Alignment of Course Learning Outcomes

	CLO 1	CLO 2	CLO 3	CLO4
Marianist Values				1, 2, 3, 4, 5
PLOs	1	1	2	
Native Hawaiian Values				1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Gen Ed Learning Outcomes (if applicable)	NA	NA	NA	
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Course Activities

Grades for the course will be assigned based on the quality of student work as demonstrated by successful completion of the following requirements:

- A. Exercises (15 @ 10 pts each) = 150 points
 - B. Quizzes (15 @ 10) = 150 points
 - C. Class Discussions (5 @ 20 pts) = 100 points
 - C. Final Integrative Paper (1 @ 100 pts) = 100 points
- Total Points = 500

IMPORTANT: Avoid using AI to complete assignments for this class. Assignments should reflect your personal voice, thoughts, and insights. The use of AI will negatively impact your grade.

Discussions

Five class discussion questions are posted within the modules. It is expected that each student's posts for each discussion will be approximately one page in length. The following guidelines should be used to actively and intelligently participate in the class discussions (adopted from <http://www.rasmussen.edu/student-life/blogs/college-life/tips-for-writing-thoughtful-discussion-responses/>) (Links to an external site.) (Links to an external site.).

- Ask open-ended questions to promote discussion. Open-ended questions require individuals to write more than a simple one- or two-word answer. Open-ended questions require the use of critical thinking skills and allow individuals to reflect on their thoughts and feelings about a particular topic.
- Don't be afraid to disagree. It is okay to disagree with what someone has to say or play the "devil's advocate." However, when you choose to disagree, remember to do so respectfully. Everyone is entitled to their own opinion and it is okay for you to offer your own interpretation.
- Give reasons for your opinion. It is important to provide reasons for your thoughts and feelings about the topic. You may even choose to make a personal connection or share a personal experience with your classmates. Applying class information to real-world situations is a great way to demonstrate that you truly understand what you are learning.
- Think outside the box. Online discussions can get boring when everyone's posts begin to

sound the same. Don't be afraid to propose a new idea or ask a probing question to generate conversation.

- Include outside resources. It is often helpful to include outside resources in your responses. Share an article or a website that is relevant to the topic of discussion. Introducing new, relevant ideas from resources, other than the provided class materials, can help take learning to the next level.

Homework

Fifteen exercises will be posted on the Canvas website during the semester. Each of the activities will be worth a maximum of 10 points.

Quizzes

A quiz for each of the fifteen chapters is posted on the Canvas website.

Final Project

Each student will write a 5 page paper incorporating what they feel are the most important things that they have learned in this class and how it has impacted their own thinking about culture and psychology. Links should be made to how the information relates to your future personal and professional life. Your paper should be written in APA format (APA formatting tutorial: <http://www.apastyle.org/learn/tutorials/basics-tutorial.aspx>)

Citations and References

Any assignments that includes cited research should include a Reference page, listing your full source/references. Examples of references in APA format:

- Please cite a source every time you copy a phrase, quote, or paraphrase someone else's words. If you use someone's words verbatim, you will have to use quotation marks and in parenthesis note the author's last name, year of publication, and the page from which you took the quote.
- Example of how to cite a direct quote: "Past research has indicated that "becoming parents heightens couples' awareness of their identity intersections and they turn towards mutually supporting each other" (Iwamoto, 2020, p. 121).
- If you paraphrase or just report on what you've read of someone's publication, use the parentheses but omit the page number.
- Always use the (Author, Year) format. Please refer to APA formatting requirements in the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association, 6th edition. The Purdue website can also be helpful:

<https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/>

Course Policies

Attendance

Flex students are expected to asynchronously attend and submit course work in classes they are registered in. Student should notify their instructors when illness or other extenuating circumstances prevents them from attending class and make arrangements to complete missed assignments. Notification may be done by emailing the instructor's Chaminade email address, calling the instructor's campus extension, or by leaving a message with the instructor's division office. It is the instructor's prerogative to modify deadlines of course requirements accordingly. Any student who stops attending a course without officially withdrawing may receive a failing grade.

Students with disabilities who have obtained accommodations from the Chaminade University of Honolulu Tutor Coordinator may be considered for an exception when the accommodation does not materially alter the attainment of the learning outcomes.

Federal regulations require continued attendance for continuing payment of financial aid. When illness or personal reasons necessitate continued absence, the student should communicate first with the instructor to review the options. Anyone who stops attending a course without official withdrawal may receive a failing grade or be withdrawn by the instructor at the instructor's discretion.

Milestones 1 & 2 and Late Work

This course is utilizing a Flex model, meaning there is a firm deadline for the two Milestone assignments. The Milestone 1 assignment is due by 11:59 pm on the 14th day of the course (it is included in Module 1). If this assignment is late, you may be dropped from the class. The Milestone 2 Assignment is due by Sunday of the 6th week of the term at midnight (The Milestone 2 Activity is identified in Module 4). Failure to complete the Milestone 2 activity by the due date may result in failing the course. All other assignments can be turned in at your convenience. Please refer to Self-Service to confirm when your course section ends, as all assignments are due before then.

Changes to the Syllabus

While the provisions of this syllabus are as accurate and complete as possible, your instructor reserves the right to change any provision herein at any time. Every effort will be made to keep you advised of such changes, and information about such changes will be available from your instructor.

Grades of Incomplete

No incomplete grades will be given for this class.

Writing Policy

All assignments for this course should be completed in APA format. Instructor and Student Communication/Questions for this course can be emailed to the instructor at dfryxell@chaminade.edu. Online, in-person and phone conferences can be arranged. Response time can take place up to 2 days.

Email Guidelines

- Use your Chaminade email account.
- Always include a subject line.
- Remember without facial expressions some comments may be taken the wrong way. Be careful in wording your emails. Use of emoticons might be helpful in some cases.
- Use standard fonts.
- Special formatting such as centering, audio messages, tables, html, etc. should be avoided unless necessary to complete an assignment or other communication.

Discussion Communication Guidelines

- Do not make insulting or inflammatory statements. Be respectful of others' ideas.
- Be patient and read the comments of others thoroughly before posting your remarks.
- Be positive and constructive.
- Consider how your posts help to further the discussion and/or meet course learning outcomes.

Final Grades

Final grades are submitted to [Self-Service](#):

Letter grades are given in all courses except those conducted on a credit/no credit basis. Grades are calculated from the student's work which may include; class participation, quizzes, tests, term papers, reports and the final examination.

They are interpreted as follows:

A (90 – 100%) Outstanding scholarship and an unusual degree of intellectual initiative

B (80 – 89%) Superior work done in a consistent and intellectual manner

C (70 – 79%) Average grade indicating a competent grasp of subject matter

D (60 – 69%) Inferior work of the lowest passing grade, not satisfactory for fulfillment of

prerequisite course work

F (59% and below) Failed to grasp the minimum subject matter; no credit given

Important Information

Academic Honesty

Academic honesty is an essential aspect of all learning, scholarship, and research. It is one of the values regarded most highly by academic communities throughout the world. Violations of the principle of academic honesty are extremely serious and will not be tolerated.

Students are responsible for promoting academic honesty at Chaminade by not participating in any act of dishonesty and by reporting any incidence of academic dishonesty to an instructor or to a University official. Academic dishonesty may include theft of records or examinations, alteration of grades, and plagiarism, in addition to more obvious dishonesty.

Questions of academic dishonesty in a particular class are first reviewed by the instructor, who must make a report with recommendations to the Dean of the Academic Division. Punishment for academic dishonesty will be determined by the instructor and the Dean of Academic Division and may include an “F” grade for the work in question, an “F” grade for the course, suspension, or dismissal from the University.

For the most up to date information, please refer to the [Academic Honesty Policy](#) on the Chaminade University Catalog website.

Title IX and Nondiscrimination Statement

Chaminade University of Honolulu is committed to providing a learning, working and living environment that promotes the dignity of all people, inclusivity and mutual respect and is free of all forms of sex discrimination and gender-based violence, including sexual assault, sexual harassment, gender-based harassment, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. As a member of the University faculty, I am required to immediately report any incident of sex discrimination or gender-based violence to the campus Title IX Coordinator.

Nondiscrimination Policy & Notice of Nondiscrimination

Chaminade University of Honolulu does not discriminate on the basis of sex and prohibits sex discrimination in any education program or activity that it operates, as required by Title IX and its regulations, including in admission and employment. Inquiries about Title IX may be referred to the University’s Title IX Coordinator, the U.S. Department of Education’s Office for Civil

Rights, or both and contact information may be found at the [Chaminade University Title IX Office Contact Information and Confidential Resources website](#). On-campus Confidential Resources may also be found here at [CAMPUS CONFIDENTIAL RESOURCES](#).

The University's Nondiscrimination Policy and Grievance Procedures can be located on the University webpage at: <https://chaminade.edu/compliance/title-ix-nondiscrimination-policies-procedures/>.

To report information about conduct that may constitute sex discrimination or make a complaint of sex discrimination under Title IX, please refer to the [Campus Incident Report form](#). Chaminade University of Honolulu prohibits sex discrimination in any education program or activity that it operates. The NOTICE of NONDISCRIMINATION can be found here: [Notice of Nondiscrimination](#).

[CUH Alert Emergency Notification](#)

To get the latest emergency communication from Chaminade University, students' cell numbers will be connected to Chaminade's emergency notification text system. When you log in to the Chaminade portal, you will be asked to provide some emergency contact information. If you provide a cellphone number, you will receive a text from our emergency notification system asking you to confirm your number. You must respond to that message to complete your registration and get emergency notifications on your phone.

[Assessment for Student Work](#)

With the goal of continuing to improve the quality of educational services offered to students, Chaminade University conducts assessments of student achievement of course, program, and institutional learning outcomes. Student work is used anonymously as the basis of these assessments, and the work you do in this course may be used in these assessment efforts.

[Student with Disabilities Statement](#)

Chaminade University of Honolulu offers accommodations for all actively enrolled students with disabilities in compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, and the ADA Amendments Act (2008).

Students are responsible for contacting Kokua Ike: Center for Student Learning to schedule an appointment. Verification of their disability will be requested through appropriate documentation and once received it will take up to approximately 2–3 weeks to review them. Appropriate paperwork will be completed by the student before notification will be sent out to their instructors. Accommodation paperwork will not be automatically sent out to instructors

each semester, as the student is responsible to notify Kokua Ike via email at ada@chaminade.edu each semester if changes or notifications are needed.

Kōkua 'Ike: Tutoring & Learning Services

Chaminade is proud to offer free, one-on-one tutoring and writing assistance to all students. Tutoring and writing help is available on campus at Kōkua 'Ike: Center for Student Learning in a variety of subjects (including, but are not limited to biology, chemistry, math, nursing, English, etc.) from trained Peer and Professional Tutors. Please check [Kōkua 'Ike's](#) website for the latest times, list of drop-in hours, and information on scheduling an appointment. Free online tutoring is also available via TutorMe. Tutor Me can be accessed 24/7 from your Canvas account. Simply click on Account > TutorMe. For more information, please contact Kōkua 'Ike at tutoring@chaminade.edu or 808-739-8305.

Student Conduct Policy

Campus life is a unique situation requiring the full cooperation of each individual. For many, Chaminade is not only a school, but a home and a place of work as well. That makes it a community environment in which the actions of one students may directly affect other students. Therefore, each person must exercise a high degree of responsibility. Any community must have standards of conduct and rules by which it operates. At Chaminade, these standards are outlined so as to reflect both the Catholic, Marianist values of the institution and to honor and respect students as responsible adults. All alleged violations of the community standards are handled through an established student conduct process, outlined in the Student Handbook, and operated within the guidelines set to honor both students' rights and campus values. Students should conduct themselves in a manner that reflects the ideals of the University. This includes knowing and respecting the intent of rules, regulations, and/or policies presented in the Student Handbook, and realizing that students are subject to the University's jurisdiction from the time of their admission until their enrollment has been formally terminated. Please refer to the Student Handbook for more details. A copy of the Student Handbook is available on the Chaminade website under Student Life. For further information, please refer to the Chaminade Catalog.