Psychology of Diverse Populations (PSY 310)
Web Course
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3 credits

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Course description: Multicultural awareness is of critical importance in our society today, as our communities are becoming more pluralistic and as we experience increasing global interconnectedness through technology and travel. Understanding culture and its influence is a process which must be undertaken with great patience and care to understand the depth, complexity, and richness of working in diverse environments. This course will help you relate to, understand, and celebrate micro-cultures you may encounter in your future profession.

Textbooks/Readings:
Gollnick, D.M. Multicultural Education in a Pluralistic Society (12th ed.)

Requirements & Grading: Students are expected to complete all readings and attend each class prepared to ask questions and/or contribute to class discussions. All assignments must be typed. Course grades will be determined by performance in the following areas:

1. Exams - Exams will constitute a portion of the grade. Each exam is worth 20% of your grade (60% of your grade will be the 3 exams).

2. Homework activities - Each week there will be a homework assignment and a discussion thread. These will be graded out of 10 points and are worth a total of 40% of your grade.

A class schedule will be available on eCollege the first day of class (June 4)

Evaluation:

Grades A - 90-100%
    B - 80-89%
    C - 70-79%
    D - 60-69%
    F - < 60%

It is very important that you complete every assignment. You may submit late assignments to me with no penalty if you have a documented University excuse (death in the family, serious accident/injury, or medical emergency). If you do not have a documented University excuse however, points will be deducted for each day the assignment is late at the rate of 10% (one letter grade) per day. This means that if you will not be in class, your assignment is still due at the end of the class period noted so you will need to find a way to get me your assignment prior to the end of class (e.g., email).

Student Conduct and Absences: “All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment.” Students are expected to follow the code of conduct in class described in the Student Handbook (Policies and Procedures, Code of Student Conduct). Violation of the code will lead to an initiation of the disciplinary processes described in the Handbook. Proper student conduct also
includes maintaining a standard of academic honesty. This means that neither cheating nor plagiarism will be tolerated and students who engage in either will be subject to the disciplinary processes described in the Code of Student Conduct. Plagiarism essentially means that you cannot use the words and ideas of another person without giving them credit. Therefore, “quotation marks should be used to indicate the exact words of another. Each time you paraphrase another author you will need to credit the source in the text” (APA, 2001, p. 249). If you have any questions about what constitutes cheating or plagiarism please see me. Students who plagiarize any material will earn a grade of F for the course.

Students are expected to attend all classes unless they have excused absences as described in the Student’s Handbook (Policies and Procedures, Academics). When students are absent from class they are responsible for making up the work covered in class and speaking with me about these arrangements. More than 1 absence during the term is considered excessive. “It is the prerogative of the faculty to drop students from courses in which they have obtained excessive absences as defined in the course syllabus. In such cases, faculty recommend through the department head to the appropriate college dean that a student be dropped from a class. The faculty member will make a reasonable effort to communicate with the student prior to recommending a drop. If approved, the college dean will forward the recommendation to the Records Office (Systems Policy 13.2).”

*Students are responsible for following University procedures to drop a class. If you stop attending the class for any reason, you must initiate the process of dropping, or you will receive a failing grade. Plan to take care of this several days ahead of time, so that you will have the time required to get the forms signed, submitted, etc.*

**Accommodations:** Students requesting accommodations for disabilities must go through the Academic Support Committee. Instructors must be notified in writing by the Director of Disability Resources & Services before accommodations will be made. For more information, please contact the Director of Disability Resources & Services, Halladay Student Services Bldg., Room 303D, (903) 886-5835.

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