

## CMST 280 - INTERCULTURAL COMMUNICATION -SPRING 2010

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### Required Textbooks:

- *Communicating Between Cultures* by Samovar, Wadsworth Publishing. 7<sup>th</sup> Edition. ISBN # 978-0-495-56744-8
- *Beyond Tolerance, Searching for Interfaith Understanding in America* by Gustav Niebuhr, Viking-Published by the Penguin Group ISBN # 978-0-670-01956-4

Course Description: This course aims to increase student intercultural competence with a hands-on approach. Students taking this course will explore the following: communication and culture, interfaith communication, intercultural messages, the role of context in intercultural communication, how culture affects one's identity, how culture influences communication style, language, and non-verbal communication, and how to improve their own intercultural competence. Students will be engaged in activities and discussions designed to aid your understanding of the concepts explored in class.

### Methods of Evaluation:

Group Presentation I (outline, peer evaluations)	200 points
Group Presentation II	100 points
Attendance/Participation	200 points
Vocabulary Quizzes (50 pts each)	250 points
Homework Assignments (50 pts. each)	<u>250 points</u>
	Total 1000 points

## POLICIES

Attendance Policy: Attendance will be checked daily. Students more than 10 minutes late will receive an absence for the class. In accordance with BC policy, **students with more than 10 absences will not pass the course.**

Late Assignments: **Late work will not be accepted.**

Plagiarism: Plagiarism is any of the following: Any representation of another person's words or ideas in a manner that makes it seem as if they were your own, in either oral or written form; Any copying of another person's papers or speeches; Any use of another person's unique phrases or organizational schemes without making it clear to your audience where those words or ideas were originated. Students caught plagiarizing on any level will receive a "0" for that assignment and will be reported to the Dean of Student Programs. Additionally, students may not submit one paper for two or more classes. You may not recycle speeches or papers.

Special Needs: Contact DRC (Disability Recourse Center) at 564.2498 or report to the DSS reception of the Student Services Building. If you have a documented disability and need accommodation, please see me at the beginning of the quarter.

## SCHEDULE

Note: This schedule is subject to change. You will be informed of any changes throughout the quarter.

<u>Week 1</u>	<u>Class Activity</u>	<u>Reading (Samovar)</u>
4/5	Orientation	
4/6	Communication & Culture	Chapter 1
4/7	<i>First Impressions</i>	
4/8	Family/Gender Roles	Chapter 2
4/9	<i>Gender Communication Stereotypes</i>	
 <u>Week 2</u>		
4/12	<u>Discussion of Ch. 1-Niebuhr + Quiz 1</u>	
4/13	Worldview/Religion	Chapter 3
4/14	Religion Cont.	
4/15	Identity	Chapter 4
4/16	<i>"I am"</i>	
 <u>Week 3</u>		
4/19	<i>"What's Race Got To Do With It?"</i>	
4/20	Video Discussion	
4/21	Beliefs, Values, and Norms ( <i>MLK</i> )	Chapter 5
4/22	<u>Introduce Group Project I + HW #1 Due</u>	
4/23	Hofstede	
 <u>Week 4</u>		
4/26	Hall	
4/27	<i>Language of Expertise</i>	
4/28	Language + ( <i>Whoopi Clip</i> )	Chapter 6
4/29	<u>Discussion of Chs. 2/3-Niebuhr + Quiz 2</u>	
4/30	<u>Group Work Day</u>	
 <u>Week 5</u>		
5/3-4	Nonverbal Communication	Chapter 7
5/5	Culture & Business	Chapter 8
5/6	<i>East/West</i>	
5/7	Culture and Education	Chapter 9
 <u>Week 6</u>		
5/10	Culture & Education cont.	
5/11-12	<i>God Grew Tired of Us</i>	
5/13	<u>Group Work Day</u>	
5/14	<u>Discussion of Chs. 4/5-Niebuhr + Quiz 3</u>	
 <u>Week 7</u>		
5/17	Ethnocentrism/Cultural Relativism ( <i>Hitler</i> ) + <b>HW #2</b>	Chapter 11
5/18	Stereotypes	Chapter 4
5/19	Racism/Prejudice	
5/20-21	<i>Rick Steves' Iran</i>	

**Week 8**

5/24 *Obama Speech + HW #3 Due*  
5/25 Discussion  
5/26 Ethical Issues Chapter 11  
5/27 *Alligators*  
5/28 Culture Shock + **HW #4 Due**

**Week 9**

5/31 **No Class**  
6/1 Discussion of Ch. 6-Niebuhr + Quiz 4  
6/2 Group Work Day  
6/3 Health Care Chapter 10  
6/4 Intercultural Competence (*Inventory*)

**Week 10**

6/7 Intercultural Competence  
6/8 Discussion of Words Over Bullets-Niebuhr+ Quiz 5  
6/9-11 **Group Presentations**

**Week 11**

6/14-15 **Group Presentations**  
6/16 **No Class**  
6/17 **HW # 5 Due, hand delivered to my office by 1:30pm.**