Winter ’08-09
Multicultural Education/ Human Diversity

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Credits: 3-0-0-3

Objectives of this course are: (i) to promote awareness and sensitivity in our communication patterns so as to not offend someone from a different culture unintentionally, and (ii) to learn how to interact with the rich array of human diversity (including those with disabilities)

These objectives will be achieved through topic presentations and discussions on: oneness, equality, courage of conviction, tolerance, certitude, faith, sensitivity, integrity, morality, individual visits to communities and schools or centers for individuals with disabilities, etc.

There is no prescribed text book. Readings on different topics will be from a variety of sources: books, journal articles, web articles.

Pre-requisite: Come prepared to believe in and accept a world where diversity is valued

Other routine requirements:

1. Regular Attendance is required for all scheduled class meetings in that the student is responsible for information covered in assigned readings, lecture notes in the lecture folder, discussions, and activities. Attendance is stressed because students will have opportunities to (a) improve their language skills through discussions, (b) practice skills needed to engage in professional dialogue/exchange with colleagues, (c) practice skills required to present information to others, (d) acquire information from lectures and presentations, (e) participate in activities, and (f) submit required assignments. Students will develop qualities of cooperation and respect for others through knowledge and understanding of other cultures

2. All assignments prepared in a professional manner, clearly typed or written, must be submitted on or before the assigned due date.

Course Grading: 30% from class work; 40% from final project (15% presentation/25% written report submission) and 30% from final exam

Possible grades: A (Excellent)  
                B (Good)  
                C (Satisfactory)  
                D (below average)  
                F (Fail)  