

GRANDE PRAIRIE REGIONAL COLLEGE
DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION SERVICES

COURSE OUTLINE

Fall, 1997

RP2320 CROSS-CULTURAL ISSUES

15 Hours 1 Credit

CLASS: Monday - 9:00 to 10:00 am.

PRE-REQUISITE: RP1100, RP1203

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OFFICE HOURS: Wednesday and Friday - 8:30 to 10:00 am.

DESCRIPTION:

Cross-Cultural issues discusses cultural differences with respect to values, roles, communication styles and the impact culture has on people's lives. The course will cover these aspects relating to the students own cultures as well as the implication of the diversity of cultural backgrounds in the region. The course focuses on the students ability to realize the impact that their culture may have on her/his values, beliefs and behaviors. Consequently students will increase their tolerance of people from different cultural backgrounds and prepare themselves to work and live in our muticultural society.

TEXT

James, Carl E. (1995) Seeing Ourselves: Exploring Race, Ethnicity and Culture.
This text may be supplemented with reserve readings and reference material.

CLASS FORMAT:

Articulating your positions and expectations in terms of understanding your own and others cultures is crucial to the development of tolerance and acceptance. Therefore, the majority of the course will be a discussion based seminar facilitated by student teams. As well, videos, guest speakers and a field trip may be part of the course.

OBJECTIVES:

On completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Reflect and examine their worldview, and understand how factors such as ethnicity, race and culture help to structure the way we think of ourselves and others within the context of Canadian society.
2. Question their ideas and experiences as minority or majority group Canadians and to reflect on their personal contradictions and challenges.
3. Identify and critique the varied ways in which inequalities of power and privilege exist in our society.
4. Understand that culture is a social structure that shapes and informs the lives of all Canadians.

STUDENT EVALUATION:

Students are responsible for all material covered in class and in required readings. Final marks will be based on the following:

Cultural Journey #1	25%
Cultural Journey #2	40%
Group Facilitation	10%
Presentation	15%
Participation	10%

GRADES:

9	90 - 100%
8	80 - 89%
7	72 - 79%
6	65 - 71%
5	57 - 64%
4	50 - 56%
3	45 - 49%
2	26 - 44%
1	0 - 25%

To obtain credit for this course students must achieve a minimum of 65% or a 6.