

COMM 3355: Intercultural Communication

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Online Learning

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BlackBoard Collaborate MWF 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. & By appointment

Readings Required:

Hall, B. J., Covarrubias, P. O., & Kirschbaum, K.A. (2018). *Among cultures; The challenge of communication* (3rd ed.). New York: Routledge

Course Description:

Intercultural Communication examines the influence of culture on communication from a human perspective. The course emphasizes increased awareness of one's own culture in relation to cultures different than his/her own. Students will complete assignments that allow them to be introspective about their own cultures as well as experiencing other cultures.

Student Learning Outcomes:

Develop an awareness and appreciation for various cultural identities.

Understand how communication processes differ among cultures

Identify the benefits of intercultural relationships and ways to overcome challenges to initiating/maintaining them.

Examine the ways intercultural communication impacts and influences various industries.

Develop strategies for improving intercultural communication competence

Course Requirements (500 points):

Intercultural Communication Journal = 150 points

This project allows students to work independently to improve their knowledge about intercultural communication during the semester. Students will improve their research and delivery skills by submitting journals in a variety of media formats. All assignment details can be found in the Assignment Page on BlackBoard.

Intercultural Media Review = 150 points

Students will have the opportunity to watch, read, listen, experience another culture's media and will write a review of what they learned. Students will use course material and independent research to describe, critically analyze, and review their preferred media.

Final Exam = 100 points

Students will demonstrate their mastery of the course material by completing a final exam. The exam will cover material from the textbook, class presentations, & assigned readings. In order to perform well on exams, it is important to complete the assigned readings and be an active participant in class discussions.

Discussion Board = 100 points (25 points per discussion; 15/10)

Students will interact through discussion board prompts each week. Students will have the opportunity to respond to one of four prompts. Word count, media submission, and instructions will be included in each prompt. Students will also need to respond to at least one other student's assignment.

Course Grading

A=500-450 points B=449-400 points C=399-350 points D=349-300 points F=299 points and below

Course Policies**1. Late Assignments**

Late work will receive a 20% point deduction every day that it is late (including weekends). If students are unable to submit their work on BlackBoard because of technology issues or because a deadline has passed, they should submit the work to me by email as soon as possible.

2. Missed Exam

1. Contact me within 24 hours of the missed exam. If you are aware of your need to be absent prior to the exam, you should contact to me *before* missing the assignment.
2. By the next class session you attend, provide documentation of your absence.
3. I will view your documentation and make a final decision as to whether or not you are permitted to make up the exam.
4. Make-up presentations will only be granted for *documented* absences.

3. Academic Misconduct

Plagiarism in your assignments will result in a zero for the assignment and the instructor may pursue additional measures. All assignments are to be the original composition of each student. Outside sources are required for each assignment with proper citing in a bibliography as required.

4. Class Etiquette

Students may not use Snapchat, Instagram, Facebook, or any other social media outlet to post pictures or videos of other students or their performance in the class. Failure to comply with this rule will result in failure for the semester.

5. Honor Code Policy

Violations of academic integrity are very serious matters and are clearly documented in the ASU Student Handbook. The work a student submits in a class is expected to be the student's own work and must be work completed for that particular class and assignment. Plagiarism means intentionally or knowingly representing the words or ideas of another as one's own. This may include your own previous work. Plagiarism includes quoting or paraphrasing from other sources without acknowledging/citing the source of your information or presenting quoted material as your own words. You must be very clear about attribution of sources and you must know how to cite sources in a paper. Please see full Honor Code Policy at http://www.angelo.edu/cstudent/documents/pdf/Student_Handbook.pdf

6. Disability Statement

The Student Life Office is the designated campus department charged with the responsibility of reviewing and authorizing requests for reasonable accommodations based on a disability. It is the student's responsibility to initiate such a request by contacting:

Mrs. Dallas Swafford, Director of Student Development
325-942-2047 office or 325-942-2211 Fax
dallas.swafford@angelo.edu
University Center, Suite 112B

7. Religious Holiday Observance

A. "Religious holy day" means a holy day observed by a religion whose places of worship are exempt from property taxation under Texas Tax Code 11.20.

B. A student who intends to observe a religious holy day should make that intention known in writing to the instructor prior to the absence. A student who is absent from classes for the observance of a religious holy day shall be allowed to take an examination or complete an assignment scheduled for that day within a reasonable time after the absence.

C. A student who is excused under section 2 may not be penalized for the absence, however; the instructor may respond appropriately if the student fails to complete the assignment satisfactorily.

8. Language

Under no circumstance will racist, sexist, homophobic, or any other type of oppressive language be tolerated in COMM 3355. Please think before you speak and use your language carefully. I reserve the right to ask you to leave class with no credit for attendance if your language crosses this boundary.

We must respect one another's opinions, even when we disagree with them. This is not to say that debate is unwelcome. Rather, I expect healthy, reasoned, thoughtful debate that in all ways respects and values the individual person. Be prepared to provide and support your arguments.

9. Social Media

I do not communicate with students on social media. All of my active social media accounts are set to private and I will not accept/request social media connections with students.

10. Title IX Statement

Angelo State University is committed to providing and strengthening an educational, working, and living environment where students, faculty, staff, and visitors are free from sex discrimination of any kind. The University prohibits discrimination based on sex, which includes pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity, and other types of Sexual Misconduct. Sexual Misconduct is a broad term encompassing all forms of gender-based harassment or discrimination including: sexual assault, sex-based discrimination, sexual exploitation, sexual harassment, public indecency, interpersonal violence (domestic violence and/or dating violence), and stalking. As a faculty member, I am a Responsible Employee meaning that I am obligated by law and ASU policy to report any allegations I am notified of to the Office of Title IX Compliance. This is done in order to connect students with resources and options in addressing the allegations reported. As a student, you are encouraged to report any incidents of sexual misconduct directly to ASU's Office of Title IX Compliance and the Director of Title IX Compliance/Title IX Coordinator. You may do so by contacting:

Michelle Boone, J.D.

Director of Title IX Compliance/Title IX Coordinator

Mayer Administration Building, Room 210

325-942-2022

michelle.boone@angelo.edu

You may also file a report online 24/7 at www.angelo.edu/incident-form.

If you are wishing to speak to someone about an incident in confidence you may contact the *University Health Clinic and Counseling Center* at 325-942-2173 or the *ASU Crisis Helpline* at 325-486-6345.

The Office of Title IX Compliance also provides accommodations related to pregnancy (such as communicating with your professors regarding medically necessary absences, modifications required because of pregnancy, etc.). If you are pregnant and need assistance or accommodations, please contact the Office of Title IX Compliance utilizing the information above.

For more information about Title IX in general you may visit www.angelo.edu/title-ix.

Course Schedule

Week	Chapter Readings	Due Dates
<p style="text-align: center;">1 July 6-12</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Introduction Class Meeting Chapters 1, 10, 11</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Discussion Board #1 Journal Entry #1 (All Due July 12 at 11:59 p.m)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">2 July 13-19</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Chapters 2, 3, 4</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Discussion Board #2 Journal Entry #2 Media Review Proposal (All Due July 19 at 11:59 p.m)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">3 July 20-26</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Chapters 5, 6, 7</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Discussion Board #3 Journal Entry #3 (All Due July 26 at 11:59 p.m)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">4 July 27-August 2</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Chapters 8, 9, 12</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Discussion Board #4 Journal Entry #4 Intercultural Media Review (All Due August 2 at 11:59 p.m)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">5 August 3-5</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">All Late and Extended Assignments Due Final Exam</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Exam Open 8:00 a.m. (Aug. 4) Exam Closes 11:59 p.m. (Aug. 5)</p>