

HSS 1120

**SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY
"INTRODUCTION TO DIVERSITY"**

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SECTIONS: 04 TR 10:00-10:20 AM, Room MC 109

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COURSE DESCRIPTION & OBJECTIVES: This course is an interdisciplinary, term-taught, general education offering. The course will introduce the theoretical and practical paradigm of cultural differences. In this course, cultural difference will refer to race, gender, nationality, class, religion, and age. Students will be encouraged to examine ways in which these paradigms influence their daily lives and the structure of our culture.

EXAMINATIONS: A mid-term examination will be given during the semester (regular class time) in addition to a final comprehensive on to the following dates:

Mid-term Exam: Feb. 28 (Tuesday)

Final Exam: May 3, 11:00-12:50PM (Thursday).

Examinations will be based on the assigned readings from the textbook that have already been discussed and reviewed in class. There will be two questions on each exam; the first question is based on key terms in the assigned chapters and the second question is an essay that reflects the student's opinion. The essay answer should be in the following format: introductory paragraph, body paragraphs and conclusion. **No make-up exams**. In case of emergency, sickness, or school related activities, I will consider doubling the final exam. Please be there for all exams.

FINAL GRADE:

15%: Class **attendance** , participation and citizenship.

40%: Based on results of two examinations.

15%: Group presentation Project: There will be a total of eleven presentations. Every student should participate in only **one** group presentation. Each group consists of three

students who will bring an insight into the culture/topic they choose to present to class. Students are encouraged to bring posters, cards, videos, guest speakers, etc. Fun activities on the topic will be appreciated as well. All presentations should be in PowerPoint format. Each group is required to e-mail a copy of their presentation to the instructor at least two days in advance; otherwise students will lose 3 percentage points automatically. The instructor will discuss details with each group on Tuesday Jan. 17th. The schedule for each presentation is as follows:

- Feb. 2: Hindu Culture Presentation (1).Textbook Reading, PP. 421-428.
- Feb. 9: Sikh Presentation (2). PP. 461-483.
- Feb. 21: Gypsy Culture Presentation (3). Textbook Reading, PP. 151-165.
- Feb. 23: Australian Culture Presentation (4).Textbook Reading, PP. 325-337.
- Mar. 1: Baha'i Presentation (5). Textbook Reading, PP. 411-420.
- Mar. 6: Disability Presentation (6). Textbook Reading, PP. 311-321.
- Mar. 27: Feminism Presentation (7). Textbook Reading, PP. 283-309.
- Apr. 10: Russian Cultures Presentation (8).
- Apr. 17: Hispanic Americans Presentation (9). Textbook Reading, PP. 199-211.
- Apr. 24: Wicca Presentation (10). Textbook Reading, PP. 353-363.
- Apr. 26: Sexual Orientation Presentation (11).

15%: Class (Reports) feedback: There will be a total of 4 reports throughout the semester (**See lecture outline below**). Report Feedback should reflect the student's understanding and comments on the topic presented in all previous classes. All feedback should be computer processed (**not hand written**) and submitted for grading in a timely manner. Feedback should be minimum one page (double spaced). Students will lose 3 percentage points automatically for any report not submitted on time. On all assignments, remember to include the student's **name, section number and the date**. The report schedule is as follows:

- Jan. 31: Report # 1.
- Feb. 28: Report # 2.
- Mar. 29: Report # 3.
- Apr. 17: Report # 4.

15%: Group discussion feedback: There will be a total of 7 feedback assignments throughout the semester (**See lecture outline below**). All readings and feedback for group discussions should be ready **before** the assigned date to be discussed in class. Feedback should reflect the student's understanding and comments on the topic. All feedback should be computer processed (**no hand written**) and submitted for grading in a timely manner. Feedback should be minimum one page (double spaced). Students will lose 3 percentage points automatically for any group discussion feedback not submitted on time. On all assignments, remember to include the student's **name, section # and the date**. Group Discussion schedule is as follows:

- Jan. 31: Section Five: Multiculturalism "Group Discussion (1)". Textbook Reading, PP. 113-150.

Feb. 7: Section Six: Jainism. "Group Discussion (2)" Textbook Reading, PP. 443-460.

Feb. 14: The Native Americans. "Group Discussion (3)" Library Electronic Reserve. , **OR** Textbook Reading, PP.167-182.

Feb. 16: African Americans. "Group Discussion (4)" Library Electronic Reserve Chapters: 7&8, **OR** Textbook Reading, PP. 183-197.

Apr. 3: Section six: Zoroastrianism. "Group Discussion (5)" Textbook Reading, PP. 377-388.

Apr. 12: Israel and The Palestinians- Group Discussion (6)" Library Electronic Reserve.

Apr. 19: Cultural Anthropology: Family And Marriage - Group Discussion (7)" The Reading is on Library Electronic Reserve Material.

Honor credit is also available to students who are interested in "Diversity Consciousness". Contact the instructor for details.

Grade break down:

90% or higher	A
87% - 89.9%	B+
83% - 86.9%	B
80% - 82.9%	B-
77% - 79.9%	C+
73% - 76.9%	C
70% - 72.9%	C-
67% - 69.9%	D+
63% - 66.9%	D
60% - 62.9%	D-
Less than 60%	F

TENTATIVE LECTURE OUTLINE

January:

Jan. 10: Introduction.

Jan. 12: Section Two: Race and Ethnicity - Textbook Reading: PP. 35-56.
Religions of Small Societies (video). , **OR** Textbook Reading: Indigenous Religions, PP. 325-351.

Jan. 17: Presentation Projects: Discussion and preparation.
Rudy Maxa's World: Best of Istanbul - Library Media Reserve.
DVD for discussion.

- Jan. 19: Section Three: Prejudice & Discrimination - Textbook Reading, PP. 59-94.
Rudy Maxa's World: South Africa (DVD) - Library Media Reserve.
- Jan. 24: Section Four: Immigration-Textbook: PP. 97-109.
Ellis Island (DVD) - Library Media Reserve.
- Jan. 26: Section Three: Prejudice & Discrimination - Textbook Reading, PP. 59-94.
Religions of the World. Shinto (video) - Library Media Reserve. , **OR**
Textbook Reading: Encountering Japanese Religious World, PP. 525- 553.
- Jan. 31: Section Five: Multiculturalism "Group Discussion (1)" Textbook Reading:
PP. 113-150. Group discussion feedback is due. **Report #1 is due.**
The Buddha: The Story of Siddhartha (DVD) - Library Media Reserve.
, **OR** Textbook Reading: Buddhism, PP. 429- 441.

February:

- Feb. 2: Section Six: Hindu Culture Presentation (1).Textbook: PP. 421-428.
Rudy Maxa's World: India: Delhi & Agra – Rajasthan (DVD). Library Media Reserve.
- Feb. 7: Section Six: Jainism. "Group Discussion (2)" Textbook: PP. 443-460.
Group discussion feedback is due.
Rudy Maxa's World: Shanghai & Hong Kong (DVD) - Library Media Reserve.
- Feb. 9: Section Six: Sikh Presentation (2). Textbook: PP.x461-483.
Rudy Maxa's World: Thailand: Bangkok, Golden Triangle, Andaman Coast (DVD) - Library Media Reserve.
- Feb. 14: The Native Americans "Group Discussion (3)"
Library Electronic Reserve, **OR** Textbook Reading: Ceremonies and Customs, PP. 167-182. Group discussion feedback is due.
Religions of the World: Native American Spirituality (video). Media Reserve.
- Feb. 16: African Americans "Group Discussion (4)"
The Reading is on Library Electronic Reserve Chapters: 7&8.
, **OR** Textbook Reading: Black families, PP. 183-197.
Group discussion feedback is due.
Religions of the World: African and African – American Religions (video).
Library Media Reserve.
- Feb. 21: Section Five: Gypsy Culture Presentation (3) Textbook: PP. 151-165.
Gypsy Caravan (DVD) - Library Media Reserve.

Feb. 23: Australia: The Aborigines Presentation (4). Textbook Reading, PP. 333-337.
Rudy Maxa's World: New Zealand's South Island, New Zealand's North Island (DVD). Library Media Reserve.
Midterm Review.

Feb. 28: Mid-term (Key Terms and the student's opinion from the assigned chapters).
Report #2 is due.

March:

Mar. 1: Baha'i Presentation (5). Textbook Reading: Baha'i Belief and Rituals, PP. 411-420.

Mar. 6: Disability Presentation (6). Textbook Reading: Culture and Disabilities, PP. 311-321.
Dateline CBS, Peter Jensen Story (DVD).

Mar. 8: Section Five: Asian Americans. Textbook Reading: Intragroup Diversity, PP. 231- 246.
Rudy Maxa's World: Japan (DVD). Library Media Reserve.

Mar. 12-16: Spring Recess- No Classes.

Mar. 20: Muslim and Arab Americans. Textbook Reading: Middle Easterners, PP. 247-281.
Religions of the World: Islam (Video) For Discussion. Library Media Reserve,
OR Textbook Reading: Islam, PP. 397- 409.

Mar. 22: Rick Steve's Iran Documentary - Library Media Reserve.
(DVD) for Discussion.

Mar. 27: Feminism Presentation (7). Textbook Reading: North America, PP. 283- 309.
Khumari: the Living Goddess (DVD).

Mar. 29: Arabic Language. **Report #3 is due.**

April:

Apr. 3: Section Six: Zoroastrianism. "Group Discussion (5)" Textbook Reading, PP. 377-388. Group discussion feedback is due.
Religions of the World: Confucianism & Taoism (video). Library Media Reserve,
OR Textbook Reading: The Religious Dimension of Confucianism, PP. 483-532.

Apr. 5: Section Five: Jewish Americans. Textbook Reading: Influence and affluence, PP. 213-229.

Religions Of The World: Judaism (video). Library Media Reserve,
OR Textbook Reading: Life Cycle Observation, PP. 389-396.

Apr. 10: Russia: The Ethnic minorities Presentation (8).

Rudy Maxa's World: Russia-St. Petersburg (DVD). Library Media Reserve.

Apr. 12: Israel and The Palestinians- Group Discussion (6)" Library Electronic Reserve Material. Group discussion feedback is due.

Jerusalem and West Bank (DVD). Library Media Reserve.

Apr. 17: Section five: Hispanic Americans' Presentation (9). Textbook: PP. 199-211.

Rudy Maxa's World: Argentina (DVD). Library Media Reserve.

Report #4 is due.

Apr. 19: Cultural Anthropology: Family And Marriage - Group Discussion (7)"

Library Electronic Reserve Material. Group discussion feedback is due.

Love Chronicle: Arranged Marriages (Video). Library Media Reserve.

Apr. 24: Wicca Presentation (10). Textbook Reading: Demarcating the Field, PP. 353-363.

Apr. 26: Sexual Orientation Presentation (11).

Final Review.

Apr. 27: Study Day-No Class.

Final Exam: May 3, 11:00-12:50 PM (Thursday).

Final disclaimer statement

Information contained in this syllabus, other than the grading, late assignments, makeup work and attendance policies, may be subject to change with advance notice, as deemed appropriate by the instructor.

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