



MIDWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY
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Course Syllabus: Human Diversity
Gordon T. & Ellen West College of Education
COUN 2143 Section 201 and X20
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Instructor Response Policy

The best way to contact me is through email. I will try my best to answer all emails and texts within 24 hours, however you will definitely get a response within 48 hours (2 days). Any emails or texts received during weekends will receive a response the following Monday.

Textbook & Instructional Materials

Bucher, R. D. (2015). *Diversity Consciousness* (4th Ed.). New York: Pearson.

Note from the bookstore: Your course material (textbook) is in D2L and will be accessible on the first day of class. Your Professor opted to have this course in the program to save you time and money. The money saving charge \$35.00 + \$2.89 tax has been added to your student account. Comparable pricing: Pub website= \$39.96 + tax.

You have the choice to “opt out” of this special pricing and find your material on your own. If you prefer to “opt out”, the instructions will be in your my.msutexas.edu email on the second day of class. Follow the instructions included therein. For questions concerning the program or if you need assistance, please contact the Bookstore at follettaccess@msutexas.edu.

Course Description

A study of individual, family, and cultural community diversity.

Course Content and Skills

Core Content

1. Explain concepts such as diversity, stereotype, lifestyles, class, racism, sexism, sensitivity, tolerance, etc.
2. Critically examine minority group contributions to American society.

3. Demonstrate an awareness of the cultural experience of ethnic/diverse groups other than his/her own
4. Understand what is involved in developing wholesome self-identities
5. Evidence awareness and justification of the need and value of multiculturalism
6. Distinguish similarities and differences among majority and minority cultures
7. Recognize communication patterns in self and others that enhances or inhibits the communication process
8. Synthesize the communication patterns of diverse populations and how they relate to interpersonal relations
9. Summarize scholarly resources related to diversity

Core Skills

1. To learn to respond appropriately to diverse needs
Learning Activities: class discussion, lecture, guided reading, guest speakers, case study, peer practice, experiential learning
2. To learn to apply concern for diversity in professional and social environments
Learning Activities: class discussion, lecture, guided reading, guest speakers, case study, peer practice, experiential learning
3. To communicate and work effectively with diverse groups
Learning Activities: class discussion, lecture, guided reading, guest speakers, case study, peer practice, experiential learning
4. To develop a vision of society that promotes the success of all members, based on relevant knowledge and theories
Learning Activities: class discussion, lecture, guided reading, guest speakers, case study, peer practice, experiential learning, debate
5. To demonstrate the ability to combine impartiality, sensitivity to diversity, and ethical consideration in interactions with others
Learning Activities: class discussion, lecture, guided reading, guest speakers, case study, peer practice, experiential learning
6. To develop multicultural awareness, gender sensitivity, and ethnic appreciation in the community
Learning Activities: class discussion, lecture, guided reading, guest speakers, case study, peer practice, experiential learning
7. To develop responsiveness to diverse sociological, linguistic, cultural, and other factors
Learning Activities: class discussion, lecture, guided reading, guest speakers, case study, peer practice, experiential learning
8. To serve as an advocate
Learning Activities: class discussion, lecture, guided reading, guest speakers, case study, peer practice, experiential learning, debate
9. To demonstrate the ability to analyze the complex causes of poverty and other disadvantages and their effects
Learning Activities: class discussion, lecture, guided reading, guest speakers, case study, peer practice, experiential learning, debate

Study Hours and Tutoring Assistance

The TASP offers a schedule of selected subjects tutoring assistance. Please contact the TASP, (940)397-4684, or visit the ASC homepage for more information. [Tutoring & Academics Supports Programs](#)

Student Handbook

Refer to: [2022-2023 Student Handbook](#)

Academic Misconduct Policy & Procedures

Academic Dishonesty: Cheating, collusion, and plagiarism (the act of using source material of other persons, either published or unpublished, without following the accepted techniques of crediting, or the submission for credit of work not the individuals to whom credit is given). Additional guidelines on procedures in these matters may be found in the Office of Student Conduct.

[Office of Student Conduct](#)

Grading/Assessment

Table 1: Points allocated to each assignment

Assignments	Points
Cultural Autobiography	150
Research Topic Proposal	100
Argument Analysis	150
Field Notes	100
Synthesis Paper	200
Quizzes	120
Weekly Class Participation, Assignments, & Discussion	180
Assignment Punctuality No late assignments - Extra Credit	10
Total Points	1000

Table 2: Total points for final grade.

Grade	Points
A	900 to 1000
B	800 to 899
C	700 to 799
D	600 to 699
F	Less than 600

Assignments

There will be 4 major assignments in this course which are described within the course assignments folder: Cultural Autobiography, Argument Analysis, Field Notes, and Synthesis Paper.

Quizzes

You will have quizzes throughout the semester that combine chapter information. They will be open book. **YOUR TEXTBOOK IS IN D2L FOR THIS CLASS.**

Mid-Term and Final Exam

There is no Mid-Term exam. Your synthesis paper will count as your Final Exam and will be turned in to TK20 as a key assessment.

Extra Credit

No extra credit assignments will be given or accepted.

Late Work

Work must be turned in when it is due for full credit. Late work will only be accepted if cleared with instructor and due to an emergency.

Important Dates

Last day for term schedule changes: 1/20/2023

Deadline to file for graduation: May graduation 2/20/2023

Last Day to drop with a grade of "W:" 3/27/23 by 4 PM

Refer to: [Drops, Withdrawals & Void](#)

Desire-to-Learn (D2L)

Extensive use of the MSU D2L program is a part of this course. Each student is expected to be familiar with this program as it provides a primary source of communication regarding assignments, examination materials, and general course information. You can log into [D2L](#) through the MSU Homepage. If you experience difficulties, please contact the technicians listed for the program or contact your instructor.

Please note: *This class requires you to have access to a computer (with Internet access) to complete weekly activities, check for class news updates, have access to materials, instructions, resources and to upload your assignments in D2L. It is your responsibility to have (or have access to) a working computer in this class. Assignments are due by the due date, and personal computer technical difficulties will not be considered reason for the instructor to allow students extra time for submission. Each time you log into D2L is documented. You should open D2L often to reference content, materials, and updates.*

Computers are available on campus in various areas of the buildings as well as the Academic Success Center. Your computer being down is not an excuse for missing a deadline!! There are many places to access your class! If you have technical difficulties in the course, there is also a student helpdesk available to you. The college cannot work directly on student computers due to both liability and resource limitations however they are able to help you get connected to our online services. For help, log into [D2L](#).

Attendance

Online Class: Tentative assignment due dates are listed on the course schedule. While the actual due dates may vary due to the flow of the class, all assignment due dates will be finalized and announced in class well in advance of the specific date. Late work, unless arrangements are made by the student and approved in advance by the instructor, will not be accepted for full credit. Participation points will be deducted for activities not completed. You will be given a verbal or written warning prior to being dropped from the class.

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As previously mentioned, cheating, collusion, and plagiarism (the act of using source material of other persons, either published or unpublished, without following the accepted techniques of crediting, or the submission for credit of work not the individuals to whom credit is given) will not be considered. I use Turnitin for the written assignments and D2L directly syncs with it (you do not have to do anything). You will be able to see the plagiarism percentage and are welcome to make changes and resubmit **BEFORE** the due date. **Any plagiarism of 30% and above is too much!** **Your assignment will be reduced by one letter grade for anything above 30%.**

Important Course Information

Online Class: I will use D2L for posting the syllabus, course communication, course schedule, attendance, and gradebook. There will be online office hours announced through D2L. You should regularly check D2L, and the email hosted via D2L for important course information. Participation is monitored. You should log in to D2L multiple times per week.

Expectations for written work:

Correct grammar, punctuation, and spelling are expected on all written assignments (although web discussions are not held to the high standard of a research project or other written assignment).

- Written assignments can be done in one of the following:
 - Microsoft Word and turned in as an attachment in dropbox on D2L
 - Google doc with the share link submitted to D2L (Make sure share settings are set to “anyone with the link can view or edit”)
- Discussions should be completed within the D2L discussion space and NOT uploaded as an attachment.
- Due dates should be honored in order to receive the highest grade.
- When referring to the ideas of others, works should be cited using the APA format.

Change of Schedule

A student dropping a course (but not withdrawing from the University) within the first 12 class days of a regular semester or the first four class days of a summer semester is eligible for a 100% refund of applicable tuition and fees. Dates are published in the [Schedule of Classes](#) each semester.

Refund and Repayment Policy

A student who withdraws or is administratively withdrawn from Midwestern State University (MSU) may be eligible to receive a refund for all or a portion of the tuition, fees and room/board charges that were paid to MSU for the semester. HOWEVER, if the student received financial aid (federal/state/institutional grants, loans and/or scholarships), all or a portion of the refund may be returned to the financial aid programs. As described below, two formulas (federal and state) exist in determining the amount of the refund. (Examples of each refund calculation will be made available upon request).

Services for Students with Disabilities

In accordance with Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Midwestern State University endeavors to make reasonable accommodations to ensure equal opportunity for qualified persons with disabilities to participate in all educational, social, and recreational programs and activities. After notification of acceptance, students requiring accommodations should make application for such assistance through Disability Support Services, located in the Clark Student Center, Room 168, (940) 397-4140. Current documentation of a disability will be required in order to provide appropriate services, and each request will be individually reviewed. For more details, please go to [Disability Support Services](#).

Students with Disabilities:

Any student who, because of a disability, may require special arrangements in order to meet the course requirements should contact the instructor as soon as possible to make necessary arrangements. Students must present appropriate verification from the University’s Disability Support Services (DSS) Office

during the instructor's office hours. Please note that instructors are not allowed to provide classroom accommodation(s) to a student until appropriate verification from DSS has been provided.

College Policies

Campus Carry Rules/Policies

Effective August 1, 2016, the Campus Carry law (Senate Bill 11) allows those licensed individuals to carry a concealed handgun in buildings on public university campuses, except in locations the University establishes has prohibited. The new Constitutional Carry law does not change this process. Concealed carry still requires a License to Carry permit, and openly carrying handguns is not allowed on college campuses.

Refer to: [Campus Carry Rules and Policies](#)

Smoking/Tobacco Policy

College policy strictly prohibits the use of tobacco products in any building owned or operated by WATC. Adult students may smoke only in the outside designated-smoking areas at each location.

Alcohol and Drug Policy

To comply with the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989 and subsequent amendments, students and employees of Midwestern State are informed that strictly enforced policies are in place which prohibits the unlawful possession, use or distribution of any illicit drugs, including alcohol, on university property or as part of any university-sponsored activity. Students and employees are also subject to all applicable legal sanctions under local, state, and federal law for any offenses involving illicit drugs on University property or at University-sponsored activities.

Active Shooter

The safety and security of our campus is the responsibility of everyone in our community. Each of us has an obligation to be prepared to appropriately respond to threats to our campus, such as an active aggressor. Please review the information provided by MSU Police Department regarding the options and strategies we can all use to stay safe during difficult situations. For more information, visit [Safety / Emergency Procedures](#). Students are encouraged to watch the video entitled "Run. Hide. Fight." which may be electronically accessed via the University police department's webpage: ["Run. Hide. Fight."](#)

COVID

Scientific data shows that being fully vaccinated is the most effective way to prevent and slow the spread of COVID-19 and has the greatest probability of avoiding serious illness if infected in all age groups. Although MSU Texas is not mandating vaccinations in compliance with Governor Abbott's executive orders, we highly encourage eligible members of our community to get a vaccination. If you have questions or concerns about the vaccine, please contact your primary care physician or health care professional. Given the recent rise in cases, individuals are also strongly encouraged to wear facial coverings when indoors among groups of people, regardless of vaccination status. Although MSU Texas is not currently requiring facial coverings, they have been an effective strategy in slowing the spread.

Other Expectations

Participation – It is not enough to just "show up." In other words, you cannot just sit there and breathe. You need to be prepared to discuss the readings that are assigned, contribute appropriately, and encourage the participation of your peers.

Preparation – Complete all assignments on time. Complete readings assigned prior to class in order to be able to participate in class discussions and activities.

Attitude – Demonstrate the following dispositions that are essential for learning:

- Curiosity (ask questions, look for additional answers, probe, reflect)
- Flexibility (take alternate points of view, be open-minded)
- Organization (plan ahead – literally, GET A PLANNER!)
- Patience (take time to reason, be persistent in efforts)
- Risk-taking (try things beyond your current repertoire)
- Passion (invest in ideas, processes, products, and most of all – other people)

Be aware that your attitude is conveyed to others by body language, conversation, neatness, completeness of work, willingness to assist and contribute and many other ways. A sense of humor and the ability to be flexible are crucial – not just in this class but from now on – that is the nature of the classroom.

Respect – Be considerate of others. Do not talk while others are talking; do not use foul language; behave in an ethical manner.

Grade Appeal Process

Students who wish to appeal a grade should consult the Midwestern State University [MSU Catalog](#)

Notice

Changes in the course syllabus, procedure, assignments, and schedule may be made at the discretion of the instructor.

Online Course Schedule

Dates	Topics/Focus/Reading	Assignment Due
Week 1 1/17-23	Introductions Syllabus Review Introductory Activities <i>Read & prepare for next week's discussion</i>	<i>Discussion Board</i> <i>(See discussion guidelines for details and requirements)</i> Due Fri 1/20 Initial Discussion Board Post(s) Due Mon Jan 23 Introduction Presentation Discussion Board Responses to Classmates
Week 2 1/24-30	Diversity: An Overview <i>Read Diversity Consciousness Textbook (in D2L) Ch. 1 pp 1-32</i>	Due Fri 1/27 Initial Discussion Board Post(s) Due Mon Jan 30 Discussion Board Responses to Classmates
Week 3 1/31-2/6	Diversity Consciousness and Success <i>Read Ch. 2 pp 33-60</i>	Due Mon Feb 6 Quiz #1 Ch 1 & 2
Week 4 2/7-13	Work on Cultural Autobiography No Discussion this week	Due Mon Feb 13 Cultural Autobiography
Week 5 2/14-20	What is research and how do I understand it?	Due Fri 2/17 Initial Discussion Board Post(s) Due Mon Feb 20 Discussion Board Responses to Classmates Scholarly Research Activity
Week 6 2/21-27	Personal and Social Barriers to Success <i>Read Ch. 3 pp 61-94</i>	Due Mon Feb 27 Quiz #2 Ch 3 & Research
Week 7 2/28-3/6	Developing Diversity Consciousness <i>Read Ch. 4 pp 95-124</i>	Due Mon March 6 Research Topic Proposal on Template
Week 8&9 3/7-20	Communicating in a Diverse World <i>Read Ch. 5 pp 125-150</i>	Due Mon March 20 Quiz #3 Ch 4 & 5 *Spring Break March 13-17
Week 10 3/21-27	Field Notes - Social networking <i>Read Ch. 6 pp 151-190</i>	Due Fri 3/24 Initial Discussion Board Post(s) Due Mon Mar 27 Discussion Board Responses to Classmates
Week 11 3/28-4/3	Work on Argument Analysis No Discussion this week	Due Mon Apr 3 Argument Analysis
Week 12 4/4-10	Teamwork (Field Notes) <i>Read Ch. 7 pp 191-216</i>	Due Fri 4/7 Initial Discussion Board Post(s) Due Apr 10 Discussion Board Responses to Classmates *Apr 6-7 Holiday
Week 13 4/11-17	Work on Field Notes No Discussion this week	Due Apr 17 Field Notes
Week 14 4/18-24	Leadership <i>Read Ch. 8 pp 217-238</i>	Due Fri 4/21 Initial Discussion Board Post(s) Due Mon Apr 24 Discussion Board Responses to Classmates Quiz #4 Ch 6, 7 & 8
Week 15 4/25-5/1	Preparing for the Future <i>Read Diversity Consciousness Ch. 9 pp 239-257</i>	Due Fri 4/28 Initial Discussion Board Post(s) Due Mon May 1 Discussion Board Responses to Classmates Reflection Assignment
Week 16 5/2-7	Wrap Up	Synthesis Paper <i><u>DUE SUNDAY! MAY 7TH</u></i> ** NOTICE <u>THE SUNDAY DUE DATE!</u>
Week 17	Finals Week	NO FINAL -SYNTHESIS PAPER MUST BE TURNED IN TO TK20 BY MAY 7 TH

***Participation in weekly discussion and activities required – Lack of participation will result in points deducted from participation grade.**

Additional Readings (not required):

Adams, M., Blumenfeld, W, Catalano, D., Dejong, K., Hackman, H., Hopkins, L., Love, B., Peters, M., Slasko, D. & Zuniga, X. (2018). *Readings for Diversity and Social Justice*. New York: Routledge.

Appendix A:

Required alignment to all applicable state/national standards (including INTASC/TEExES test framework competencies for certification courses-grad and undergraduate.

Assignment/Activity	Standard/Competency: Core Content & Core Skills
Cultural Autobiography	Explain concepts such as diversity, stereotype, lifestyles, class, racism, sexism, sensitivity, tolerance, etc. Understand what is involved in developing wholesome self-identities
Research Topic Proposal	To learn to apply concern for diversity in professional and social environments
Argument Analysis	Summarize scholarly resources related to diversity
Field Notes	Demonstrate an awareness of the cultural experience of ethnic/diverse groups other than his/her own
Synthesis Paper	Evidence awareness and justification of the need and value of multiculturalism Synthesize the communication patterns of diverse populations and how they relate to interpersonal relations To develop a vision of society that promotes the success of all members, based on relevant knowledge and theories (Ch 2)
*Online Activities: Discussion Board Questions, Reflection, Questions, Lecture and/or Guided Reading, Videos, Assignments, and various other activities	Recognize communication patterns in self and others that enhances or inhibits the communication process Distinguish similarities and differences among majority and minority cultures Critically examine minority group contributions to American society. To demonstrate the ability to analyze the complex causes of poverty and other disadvantages and their effects To serve as an advocate To develop multicultural awareness, gender sensitivity, and ethnic appreciation in the community To develop responsiveness to diverse sociological, linguistic, cultural, and other factors To learn to respond appropriately to diverse needs To communicate and work effectively with diverse groups To demonstrate the ability to combine impartiality, sensitivity to diversity, and ethical consideration in interactions with other

Appendix B: Required assignment/standard alignment matrix

Not applicable – See Appendix A