

Welcome to Psyc330L-741

Culture and Psychology With Corey Fenstemacher, Psy.D.

Course Description

This course examines the ways that culture and diversity (i.e., in both international and American multicultural terms) affect human thoughts, feelings, and social behaviors. Topics to be covered include the cultural aspects of human development; the self/identity; personality; emotions; sensations; perception and cognition; stereotypes and prejudice; communication and social interaction; motivation; intelligence; psychological disorders and health; and organizations. It is intended for students from a diverse array of majors. Offered periodically.

This course requires self-reflection and aims to build self-awareness and ultimately cultural awareness.

Required Textbook

Please be sure to purchase / rent the textbook prior to the beginning of the term as the course requires weekly reading assignments from it.

1. Mio, J. S., Barker, L. A., Domenech Rodriguez, M. M., & Gonzalez, J. (2016). *Multicultural Psychology*. New York: Oxford University Press. ISBN: 9780190854959

Available at the bookstore



About the Instructor

I started my career in sales in advertising. My second career began when I returned to school to earn a doctorate in Organizational Psychology. There, I discovered a passion for instruction and facilitation, particularly working with adult audiences. I have worked for global consulting firms and have facilitated group dynamics courses internationally. I have also held positions within the Human Resource department of Time Inc./Time Warner. For almost 20 years, I have been teaching college students, managers and executives.

My favorite thing about teaching is that no matter how many times I teach the same course, or the same students, I learn something new from each group. The course is always different because no group of students is the same.

As the instructor of this course, my most salient group memberships are white, female and Protestant. However, I have many other group memberships, both organizational and identity, that impact my world view.

I hope you will appreciate this introduction more fully after this course. I'm originally from the Utica area. My husband and I spend time between Brooklyn and the Cooperstown area with our 17-year-old cat. In my free time, I consult to business leaders, serve on Boards and volunteer with animal welfare organizations.

I believe the material in this course is paramount given the current inflection point of humanity and society. Looking forward to getting to know you in our classroom.

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