Course Expectations Letter

Subject: SPCH 150: Intercultural Communication

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Catalog Course Description:
This course is an introduction to intercultural communication. The emphasis is on applying intercultural theories and concepts to understand the influence of cultural membership upon the communicative situation. Students completing this course will improve their intercultural communication competence. This course is recommended for students in all fields; particularly Communication Studies majors and students who anticipate high interaction with people from diverse cultures.

Student Learning Outcomes:
A student shall be able to demonstrate communication competence in an intercultural setting.

By logging into Canvas you affirm that you are the student who enrolled in the course(s) and are the person who will complete the assigned work. Furthermore, you agree to follow the regulations regarding academic integrity, personal identification and the use of student information as described in BP 5500 (Standards of Conduct) and AP 5520 (Student Conduct Procedures) which are the Rio Hondo College student conduct codes that govern student rights and responsibilities. You acknowledge that failure to abide by the regulations set forth in BP 5500 and AP 5520 may result in disciplinary action, including expulsion from the college.

This is NOT a self-paced course. There are firm deadlines in this class. There are assignments due on a regular basis. Please plan your time carefully!

Textbook: Please consult the Bookstore for information at (562) 463-7345 or go to Rio Hondo College Online Bookstore

This course will include regular instructor student contact. Methods of regular instructor student contact include:

1. Regular Announcements
2. Email Correspondence
3. Discussion Board Postings

Additional Information:
In this course you will travel on a journey where you will learn how to challenge yourself and the world around you. Like most journeys, you will visit places that are known and unknown. This course is intended to assist you with learning more about yourself and about others, and to understand the ways in which culture and communication intersect and influence each other. Specifically, this course is designed to help you:

1. Understand and apply intercultural communication theories to real life situations.
2. Develop and understand how communication processes differ among cultures and to acquire knowledge and skills that increase intercultural competence.
3. Discover commonalities among cultures.
4. Have a greater understanding of your own culture and its privileges/challenges.
5. Learn how to utilize communication effectively to bring about change in the inaccurate views of cultures.
6. Learn to honor and share their cultural identity while being mindful of and developing a capacity to be inclusive of other cultures.
7. Understand and explain how culture impacts verbal and nonverbal communication behavior.

You will complete four papers throughout the semester:

1. Autobiography Essay
2. Movie Analysis Paper
3. Cultural Event Paper
4. Cultural Research Paper

In addition to the papers you will take regularly scheduled quizzes and respond to discussion board postings.

More detailed information will be provided on the Course Syllabus in Canvas.

_The instructor may drop you for non-participation._

There will be a one to three business day delay after an add code is used before a student may be able to log on to Canvas.

For students new to online classes, it is highly recommended that you take the Online Orientation through our Distance Education website. This will help explain what online classes are like and familiarize you with how the class is laid out. The orientation can be found at: [http://www.riohondo.edu/canvas-orientation/](http://www.riohondo.edu/canvas-orientation/)

Email Responses: Instructors will make every attempt to respond to students in a timely fashion. Responses can take up to 48 hours before a response is received, excluding weekends and holidays.

Disability: A Student with a verified disability may be entitled to appropriate academic accommodations. Please contact your instructor and/or the Disabled Students & Programs office at 562-908-3420 for more information.

_Modifications and Disclaimer: The instructor reserves the right to modify the content of the course or any course procedure. It is the responsibility of the student to keep apprised of all changes. If the student wishes to drop the class he/she is responsible for initiating the drop. Do not take it for granted that you will be dropped. If you stop working and do not drop the course, you may get an undesirable grade._