



# COURSE EXPECTATION LETTER

**Subject:**

SPCH 150

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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:**

In a final research paper, students will demonstrate communication competence from an intercultural setting.

In a paper, students will differentiate cultural communication patterns.

In a discussion, students will examine cultural identity, privileges, challenges and how to manage cultural anxiety.

In a discussion, students will examine how culture impacts verbal communication and nonverbal communication behavior.

In a project, students will apply intercultural communication theories.

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](#)

Over the course of the semester there will be regular instructor student contact.

**Methods of student contact include:**

Discussion Boards, weekly announcements, text messaging, phone calls, grading comments in the "comments" section in Canvas, and Zoom meetings as needed.

**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 Online 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/>

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.*

#### **Additional Information:**