A. Course Description

Credits: 4

Lab Hours/ Weeks: Corequisites: None

Lecture Hours/ Week :

MnTC Goals: Goal LS - Upper Division Liberal Studies, Goal 08 - Global Perspective

Intercultural Communication has a global perspective and engages students in reflectively thinking about the growing interdependence of nations and peoples. Students develop their ability to apply a comparative perspective to cross-cultural communication episodes in interpersonal interactions. Students research topics of interest that compare two or more cultures in some aspect of their social, economic, or political values and practices. Through field experiences, in class exercises, and readings, students learn the dynamics and skills needed to engage in respectful and sensitive communication with others whose beliefs, values, and attitudes are different than their own. Students are engaged in e-discussions with students from around the globe for 5 weeks. This requires some knowledge of D2L.

B. Course Effective Dates: 12/14/2008 - Present

C. Outline of Major Content Areas:

See Course Description for major content areas.

D. Learning Outcomes (General)

1. Explain how we can prepare ourselves to communicate more effectively in intercultural communication situations by developing a model of Intercultural Communication.
2. Demonstrate an ability to do culture specific research and synthesize the information learned from peer reviewed scholarly articles into a literature review.
3. Learn and practice, in class and outside of class, the attitudes/abilities, skills, and knowledge (ASKs) presented in this Intercultural Communication course.
4. Respond in position papers to field experiences, international buddy process, assigned book reading, and other events participated in as part of this class.
5. Use the theories of Intercultural Communication to help guide the communication strategies chosen and used to interact in different situations with different people, groups, and countries.

E. Learning Outcomes (MN Transfer Curriculum)

Goal LS - Upper Division Liberal Studies

None

Goal 08 - Global Perspective

1. Demonstrate knowledge of cultural, social, religious and linguistic differences.
2. Analyze specific international problems, illustrating the cultural, economic, and political differences that affect their solution.
3. Describe and analyze political, economic, and cultural elements which influence relations of states and societies in their historical and contemporary dimensions.
4. Understand the role of a world citizen and the responsibility world citizens share for their common global future.

G. Special Information

Community Engagement