

Subject

Special Topics in International Exchange – The Psychology of Diversity [Spring]

Subject numbering

INTR1000

Lecturer

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Laboratory: Waiting room for adjunct lecturers

Office hours: Before and after class

Email address:

Number of credits

2 credit(s)

Tentative List of Topics to be Presented

This course provides you with foundational knowledge about diversity, one of the key concepts in understanding contemporary society. Drawing primarily from psychological science, we will try to characterize and analyze diversity-related issues and cases, paying some particular attention to the Japanese context. No prior knowledge of psychology is assumed, and all the class materials will be distributed in class or electronically. Anyone including domestic and international students interested in and discussing with other students on diversity is welcome to join.

*Please note that the course schedule is tentative and subject to change based on pedagogical needs.

1. To be able to apply psychological concepts to analyze diversity-related cases
2. To be able to discuss on diversity issues with classmates in a constructive and thoughtful way

Be sure to complete reading assignments (if any) before coming to class and always review what is discussed in class. Keep up with the latest news about diversity in your home country so that you can own the academic concepts.

1. Orientation
2. Introduction to the psychology of diversity
3. Categorization and stereotyping
4. Social processes that shape diversity
5. Prejudice
6. Racial stereotypes and racism
7. Gender stereotypes and sexism
8. Sex stereotypes and heterosexism
9. Obesity stereotypes and weightism
10. Age stereotypes and ageism
11. Social stigma
12. Coping with social stigma
13. Responding to social inequality
14. Group Presentation I
15. Group Presentation II / Summary

Evaluation

Examination: %

Report: 45%

Others: 55%

The course grade consists of the following components:

1. 5-minute paper: 30%
2. Group presentation: 25%
3. Case-analysis report: 20%
4. Reflection paper: 25%

Textbooks & Suggested References

[References]

Blaine, B.E. & Brenchley, K.J.M. (2021). Understanding the Psychology of Diversity. Forth Edition. SAGE.

Gorski, P.C., & Pothini, S.G. (2024). Case Studies on Diversity and Social Justice Education. Third Edition. Routledge.

Keywords

diversity, multicultural, social justice, psychology, case

Class Time

Friday 4th period