

HUM 120

CULTURAL STUDIES

Prerequisites: ENG 090 and RED 090 or DRE 098; or satisfactory score on placement test

Corequisites: None

This course introduces the distinctive features of a particular culture. Topics include art, history, music, literature, politics, philosophy, and religion. Upon completion, students should be able to appreciate the unique character of the study culture. *This course has been approved to satisfy the Comprehensive Articulation Agreement for the general education core requirement in humanities/fine arts.* Course Hours Per Week: Class, 3. Semester Hours Credit, 3.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

- a. understand the social and historical context of the culture being studied;
- b. explain ways in which economic, social, religious, and aesthetic expressions reflect each other;
- c. demonstrate the ability to research and write about an aspect of the culture under study;
- d. have command over vocabulary relevant to the discussion of artistic, historic, or social dimensions of the culture;
- e. identify ways in which the culture may be seen from a global perspective.

OUTLINE OF INSTRUCTION:

- I. Introduction of the culture to be studied
 - A. Geography
 - B. Historical context
 - C. Language
- II. Economic and/or social structures
 - A. Kinship
 - B. Economy
 - C. Cultural traditions
- III. Religion, politics, and power
 - A. Myth and ritual
 - B. World view
 - C. Management of power
- IV. Aesthetic expressions and representations
 - A. Image-making traditions
 - B. Architecture

- C. Music, literature, poetry, and media
 - D. Individual and collective identity
- V. Understanding the culture in a global perspective
- A. Cross-cultural comparison
 - B. Cultural relativism
 - C. Ethnicity
 - D. Universal themes

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK AND MATERIALS:

To Be Announced

STATEMENT OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES:

Students who require academic accommodations due to any physical, psychological, or learning disability are encouraged to request assistance from a disability services counselor within the first two weeks of class. Likewise, students who potentially require emergency medical attention due to any chronic health condition are encouraged to disclose this information to a disability services counselor within the first two weeks of class. Counselors can be contacted by calling 919-536-7207, ext. 1413 or by visiting the Student Development Office in the Phail Wynn Jr. Student Services Center, room 1209.