

**Course Number:** MPSY 5100

**Course Title:** Multicultural Psychology

**Course Description:**

This course surveys relevant theories, research, assessment and practice of multicultural psychology and the factors important to issues of cultural and individual differences.

**Prerequisites:**

**Credit hours:** 3

**Learning Outcomes:**

**Indiana Tech**  
*College of Professional Studies*  
MPSY 5100 – Multicultural Psychology  
Online Course Syllabus Content

**Instructor Information:**

Please see the Professor Profile tab on the Blackboard site for this course for details.

**Course Schedule:**

Please see Course Schedule in the Course Syllabus tab of the Blackboard site for this course.

**Online Course Policies:**

All of the online courses taken by students are required to follow the policies posted online at <http://online.indianatech.edu/tech-policies/policies/>. Please review the posted policies carefully. If you are unable to abide by the policies listed, please contact the Warrior Information Network (WIN) at 888.832.4742 and request to withdraw from this course.

**Required Texts:**

Sue, D. W., & Sue, D. (2013). *Counseling the culturally diverse: Theory and practice* (6th ed.). Hoboken, NJ: Wiley.

**Recommended Text:**

American Psychological Association. (2010). *Publication manual of the American psychological association* (6<sup>th</sup> ed.). Washington, D.C.: American Psychological Association.

**Grading Policies:**

**All assignments must be submitted via Blackboard.**

GRADING EVENT	POINTS
Course Preparation Quiz	25 pts
Exams	600 pts
Cultural Journey Paper	150 pts
Cross-Cultural Experience Paper	130 pts
Discussion Boards / Participation	120 pts
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1025 pts</b>

## Grading Criteria:

### Exams (600 points)

There will be five tests throughout the course of the session that will be based on readings for the course and lecture materials. The tests will generally consist of multiple choice, true/false, matching and/or short answer questions. Exams will have a time limit placed upon them so you will need to plan to set aside the appropriate block of time to complete them. Once an exam is opened and started in Blackboard you will need to complete it in one setting.

### Cultural Journey Paper (150 points)

Culture is not just something that someone else has. All of us have a culture, an ethnic and linguistic heritage that influences our current beliefs, values and behaviors. As a person this cultural heritage affects how you interact with people you work with. Therefore, it is important to understand and be aware of your own cultural background. You are going to be asked to write a paper of **no more than 10 pages** addressing the list of questions in your paper.

### Cross Cultural Experience (130 points)

For this assignment you are going to be asked to participate in a cultural experience that is somehow opposite of your own culture. You are to consider your own cultural identity such as your race, gender, sexual orientation, spirituality and ethnic heritage. Then you are to find a cultural experience opposite of your own cultural identity and attend an event there. Some examples could include attending a church service of a different faith, attending a gay bar or pride event, volunteering for a day at a homeless shelter or visiting a museum of a particular ethnic or racial heritage. These are not the only experiences you can attend just examples.

### Discussion Board/Participation (120 points)

Each week your instructor will start a thread on the discussion board pertaining to the topics being addressed that week. You are required to post at least **ONE** of your own responses/thoughts/questions related to the instructor's post. You are also to respond to at least **TWO** of your peer's responses. Further details of the requirements for these posts can be found in the Assignments folder under the Syllabus tab.

### Grading Scale

The following grading scale will be used to assign a grade at the end of the course:

Percentage Achieved	Grade	Percentage Achieved	Grade
90% or above	A	70% or above	C
80% or above	B	Below 70%	F

### **Late Assignments:**

All assignments and required online activities are due according to the deadline listed in the course schedule. Granting deadline extension is the course instructor's autonomy.

### **Incompletes**

If you are unable to complete the requirements for this course due to extenuating circumstances, an Incomplete grade (I) may be granted if you meet the general guidelines stated below.

General Guidelines for submitting a course incomplete request:

- More than 50% of the course session has elapsed.
- The student has encountered an unexpected situation that is beyond his or her control.
- The student is
  - in good academic standing -- up-to-date on all of the course assignments and has at least an overall passing grade,
  - able to complete all of the remaining coursework within a session (5 weeks for a undergraduate course and 6 weeks for a graduate course) that immediately follows the session the student is currently enrolled, and
  - able to provide support documentations to substantiate the need for extra time should a session is not enough to complete the course requirements.

If an Incomplete is granted, the instructor will set a deadline for all work to be completed. **The deadline cannot go past one (1) session.** All incomplete grades are subject to approval by the designated university authority.

### **Course Related Communication:**

Online courses are conducted in an accelerated format. Timely communication is very important. When you receive emails from your classmates or instructor, please respond as soon as you can.

Students are **REQUIRED** to use their Indiana Tech email account for all course related communication. The most direct, and effective, way to email your course instructor, and classmates, is by using the Send Email function from the Blackboard course site. When you use the Send Email function, you automatically receive a carbon copy of the email you sent. In the event when you need to substantiate your claim that you emailed your classmates or instructor, you can show that carbon copy to the person(s) who requested it.

Please note that Blackboard only permits you to send email, it does not provide you with the check email function. All of the emails your classmates and instructor send to you will be delivered to your Indiana Tech email account. You are strongly encouraged to check your Indiana Tech email account regularly, preferably several times a week, to minimize the likelihood of miscommunication.

The University policy requires each online course instructor to respond to a student's email within 24 hours. Unless there is an extraneous situation that prevents the instructor

from following this rule, you can expect to hear from the instructor within 24 hours. If you don't receive a reply within 24 hours, please do not hesitate to follow up with another email or forward the carbon copy of the email you sent to [OnlineSupport@IndianaTech.edu](mailto:OnlineSupport@IndianaTech.edu) with a note "Please help. It's been 24 hours and I have not heard from my instructor" and the University support staff will act on your behalf to contact your course instructor.