

# GLS 2900

## INTERCULTURAL COMPETENCE FOR A GLOBAL WORLD



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TU/TH 1:00PM-2:15PM  
256 MANOOGIAN



This course will introduce you to the interdisciplinary and international field of intercultural communication through literature, culture and language study; and to the concepts of intercultural competency within the context of life-long learning.

You will study culturally determined communicative behaviors (why do people talk a certain way, including body language), different takes on what "culture" can mean (including studies on stereotypes, taboos, and geopolitical and regional differences), and you will familiarize yourself with certain terminologies that help you approach different cultures and everyday rituals and tasks with an adaptable and informed mindset. You will also read literary texts and watch movies to reflect on different ways of experiencing the world.

### Preferred Name and Preferred Gender Pronoun:

Professional courtesy and sensitivity are especially important with respect to individuals and topics dealing with differences of race, culture, religion, politics, sexual orientation, gender, gender variance, and nationalities. Class rosters are provided to the instructor with the student's legal name. I will gladly honor your request to address you by an alternate name or gender pronoun. Please advise me of this preference early in the semester so that I may make appropriate changes to my records.



### Usability, disability and design:

I am committed to creating a course that is inclusive in its design. If you encounter barriers, please let me know immediately so that we can determine if there is a design adjustment that can be made or if an accommodation might be needed to overcome the limitations of the design. I am always happy to consider creative solutions as long as they do not compromise the intent of the assessment or learning activity. You are also welcome to contact the Student Disability Services (SDS) to begin this conversation or to establish accommodations for this or other courses. The office is located in the Adamany Undergraduate Library. The SDS telephone number is 313-577-1851 or 313-202-4216 (videophone). I welcome feedback that will assist me in improving the usability and experience for all students.



Week 1	Introductions
Weeks 2-4	Culture?
Weeks 5-6	Language
Weeks 7-10	Identity
Weeks 11-13	Cultural Rights
Week 14	Games and De-Brief

The detailed schedule is available on Canvas



Available at the bookstore



Other Material will be accessible via Canvas.