LING397 A01 - Issues in Cross-Cultural Communication

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Mondays and Thursdays: 10:00-11:20 am
Prerequisites: None

Explores how "we" view ourselves and others, as well as how others view us, enabling students to develop understanding of principles and problems involved in entering into communication with individuals from different backgrounds. Students develop an appreciation of linguistic interactions and the skills necessary to eliminate the barriers created by linguistic and supra-linguistic misunderstandings.

Objectives:

- Explore cultural diversity, understanding our perceptions of our own culture(s) and those of other cultures
- Understand how culture can influence communication
- Develop skills necessary to eliminate the barriers created by linguistic and supra-linguistics misunderstandings

This course involves participation in a combination of synchronous online lectures and workshop activities as well as attending guest-speaker online presentations (scheduled during online class times) to meet these objectives. All course resources and assessments are online although students may choose to use a paper text. Assessments include quizzes, a final exam, a cultural profile, critical incident and participation activities.