

The University of Suwon
Cultures Around the World
Spring Semester 2021

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Course Format: Zoom lecture and discussion with video and PPT presentations

Course Description

This course will introduce students to the different cultures of the world to widen their perspective that is important in understanding people in a multicultural society. The students will have the chance to explore why people from different parts of the world behave and act differently through readings, video presentations, and class interactions. This will enable students to recognize their own distinct culture and in effect respect the differences that exist between and among people in the world. Issues and concerns on cultures that affect society will be further discussed. Emphasis on the development of students' English communicative skills: listening, reading, writing, and speaking will be given importance.

Course Objectives

During the entire course, the students are expected to:

1. read important information and details about the topics
2. participate in class discussions by giving opinions and ideas and sharing experiences
3. present creatively and thoroughly an assigned topic
4. analyze the similarities and differences of the different cultures discussed
5. use English language with confidence all throughout class presentations, discussions and interactions

Course Language

This class is 100% taught in English. Students will need to have a good level of English to read and understand the contents of the course and to be able to present an assigned topic as well as to participate in class discussions.

Course Guidelines

- At the beginning of the semester, each student will choose a topic for presentation.
- A creative presentation is encouraged.
- The professor will give the students a list of the required assignments for each topic.
- Handphone use for dictionaries is allowed and encouraged.
- Students should come to class on time and prepared.
- Students must act respectfully and courteously in class at all times.

Required Text/Material

There is no specific textbook for this course. Reading/video materials including handouts and worksheets will be provided accordingly. The students are free to use any valid source of information either online or printed for their topics.

Expectations

- Attend and participate actively in all general class sessions.
- Complete all required activities and any related assignments.
- Make all assigned presentations.

Policies

To complete a course, students must attend at least 75% of classes. If students miss a course more than four times, they will fail the course.

Excused Absences

- Death of immediate family members
- Physical exam for joining the army

**Students must submit conformation documents to the ESL office within a week from the date of absence.

Tardiness

Late for more than the first half of the class hour = 1 unexcused absence

3 times late = 1 unexcused absence

Missed Exam

- The course has two exams:
(Midterm Speaking and Written Exam and Final Speaking and Written Exam)
- Missing any exams results in an automatic F for the class
- Makeup exams are allowed but will be docked points

Grading

Attendance and Participation	25%
Presentation	25%
Midterm Exam (Written and Speaking)	20%
Final Exam (Written and Speaking)	<u>20%</u>
Total	100%

(Note: The course is graded on a curve.)

Class Schedule

Week/Dates	Topics/Lessons
Week 01	Orientation/Assigning of topics for presentation
Week 02	Culture: Definition, Functions, Components
Week 03	Characteristics and Elements of Culture
Week 04	Asian Culture
Week 05	Arab Culture
Week 06	American Culture
Week 07	Review Week
Week 08	Midterm Exam
Week 09	Eastern Europe Culture
Week 10	Western Europe Culture
Week 11	South African Culture
Week 12	West African Culture
Week 13	Australian and Canadian Culture
Week 14	Make-up Week
Week 15	Review Week
Week 16	Final Exam