HU 3964 Cross-Cultural Aspects of TESOL

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Course Identification:
Course Number: HU 3964
Course Name: Cross-Cultural Aspects of TESOL
Course Location: Fisher 127
Class Times: MWF 3:05pm-4:25pm

Course Description:
Course examines those places where language and culture come together to affect our interactions, concentrating on areas particularly important to language teaching, learning, and usage. Topics may include introduction to pragmatics, politeness theory, and conversational politeness strategies.

Course Objectives:
In this course students will:

- Gain an understanding of the cultural aspects of language learning and language teaching.
- Understand the relationships between language and culture.
- Understand the interactions among language, social institutions, cultural beliefs, and individual behavior.
- Understand the applications of the all of the above for teaching English to speakers of other languages.

Topical Outline:
1. What is Pragmatics?
2. Culture and Communication
3. Politeness, Face, and Rapport
4. Empirical Studies in Cross-Cultural Pragmatics
5. Processes: Transfer and Accommodation
6. Solicitudes
7. Identity and Adaptation

**Required Texts:**


**Selected Articles:**


Grading Scheme

Grading System

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Late Assignments

No late assignments will be accepted after the deadline.

Collaboration/Plagiarism Rules

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