COURSE TITLE: Cultural Diversity
COURSE NUMBER: SOCI 245
PREREQUISITES: SOCI 111 Introduction to Sociology and ENGL 111 English Composition
SCHOOL: Liberal Arts and Sciences
PROGRAM: Liberal Arts
CREDIT HOURS: 3
CONTACT HOURS: Lecture: 3
DATE OF LAST REVISION: Summer, 2011
EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS REVISION: Fall, 2011

CATALOG DESCRIPTION: Surveys multiple dimensions of diversity and social stratification in the United States, including race, ethnicity, age, class, physical ability, religion, gender, and sexuality. The social impact of the cultural integration of these groups will be introduced.

MAJOR COURSE LEARNING OBJECTIVES: Upon successful completion of this course the student will be expected to:

1. Analyze perspectives and values of diverse cultural groups in the United States.
2. Define diversity in terms other than race and ethnicity.
3. Identify and understand key terms, definitions, and concepts used to analyze race, ethnicity, class, gender, religion, sexual orientation, language, and physical abilities/disabilities.
4. Identify and define various forms of stereotyping, prejudice, and discrimination.
5. Analyze issues related to diversity from more than one viewpoint.
6. Develop an historical understanding of the causes of stratification in the United States.

COURSE CONTENT: Topical areas of study to include –

Racism  Xenophobia
Religion  African Americans
Language  Multiculturalism
Ethnocentrism  Pluralism
Hispanics  Cultural relativism
Appalachians  Asian Americans
Privilege  Pacific Islanders
Power  Heterosexism
Sexism  Native Americans
Ageism  Physical and learning disabilities
Oppression
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