The purpose of this course is to help you gain a better appreciation for how human culture and human psyche interact, and to enhance your ability to work with and understand variation in human behavior across different cultures, particularly in regards to different ethnic groups.

In order to achieve these goals, we will review psychological research on culture and ethnicity, and examine the mounting evidence that suggests that many psychological processes once thought to be “universal” are instead culture-specific and context-dependent. We will also focus on research investigating the effects of culture-specific theories of mind, person, self, and social institutions on human cognition, motivation, emotion, and social interaction.

To help you gain a better understanding of American culture as a complex integration, we will take two different but complementary approaches in this course:

1. Intersectionality: We will deepen your knowledge and understanding about American culture and its different components by investigating the complex interplay of generation, gender, sexuality, social class, and other social categories. We will also demonstrate how the intersection of these cultural variables influence various applied issues in different domain such as education, economics, politics and health.

2. Cross-cultural comparison: By focusing on the comparison between “American culture” and other global cultures, such as those assumed to represent Asian culture, European culture, and African culture, we will broaden your knowledge of cultural diversity; increase your multicultural awareness; and deepen your understanding of American culture.

**Required Textbooks**

Readings should be done **before** each class.

**Exams**
There will be two non-cumulative up-to-1.5-hour-long exams consisting of multiple choice questions. Questions will come from lectures, class discussions, and weekly reading assignments. Your better exam grade will be worth 40% of your final overall grade and your worse exam grade will be worth 35% of your final overall grade.

Exam scores will not necessarily be curved. Make-up exams will not be offered except for very unusual (and properly documented) reasons; absence from an exam will result in a score of zero points for that exam.

**Reaction Papers:**
Each week, you are required to write a critical reaction paper (1 page, double-spaced, 12 pt. Times New Roman font, 1 inch margins). For each paper, find a real world demonstration of at least one topic we discussed in lecture that week. A good reaction paper will demonstrate that you understand the material, that you can discuss the material in simple language, and that you can view actual behavior from the lens of cultural psychology.

Reaction papers for the first three weeks are due by the start of the first exam. Reaction papers for the second three weeks are due by the start of the second exam. You can turn papers in by email (preferred method) or by printing them out and handing them in.
Late reaction papers will NOT be accepted. Reaction papers will make up 15% of your overall final grade (5% for the average of the first three, 10% for the average of the second three).

Attendance
During 4 of our 18 class meetings, we will take attendance. Simply showing up is 5% of your overall final grade.

Research Participant Pool
All psychology courses include a 3 credit RPP (or alternative assignment) requirement.

In order to learn how to create an RPP account and start participating in experiments, please go to the following link: http://psychology.berkeley.edu/students/undergraduate-program/research-participation-program and click on "Important Information for Students."

Make sure to allocate credits to this course! We will only give credit for allocated credits!

If you have any questions, you can contact RPP at rpp@berkeley.edu

Determination of final scores/grades

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Final scores will be rounded off (e.g., 89.5-89.9 will be considered 90, but 89.1-89.4 will be considered 89) and final letter grades will be assigned using the following cut-offs:

- A: 93-100
- A-: 90-92
- B+: 87-89
- B: 83-86
- B-: 80-82
- C+: 77-79
- C: 73-76
- C-: 70-72
- D+: 67-69
- D: 63-66
- D-: 60-62
- P/NP: < 70 will result in an NP

DSP
If you need a DSP accommodation, notify us as soon as possible and get us a copy of your accommodation letter.
Weekly Topics:

Each week we will focus on a different topic in cultural psychology. Lecture PowerPoint slides will be posted on our bSpace course website the day before class.

● MTG 1 (**): What is Culture?
  
  **Readings:**
  
  Heine Ch. 1: Introduction
  Heine Ch. 2: Culture and Human Nature
  Markus & Conner: Introduction
  Markus & Conner Ch. 10: Self-Made: The Culture of You

● MTG 2 (**): Identity Development and Acculturation
  
  **Readings:**
  
  Heine Ch. 3: Cultural Evolution
  Heine Ch. 5: Development and Socialization
  Heine Ch. 10: Living in multicultural worlds
  Markus & Conner Ch. 2: A Spin through the Culture Cycle
  Markus & Conner Ch. 4: Color Lines: Cultures of Race and Ethnicity

● MTG 3 (**): Culture and the Self
  
  **Readings:**
  
  Heine Ch. 6: Self and personality
  Heine Ch. 7: Motivation

**Exam 1 plus 3 reaction papers due**

● MTG 4 (**): Culture and Cognition and Emotion
  
  **Readings:**
  
  Heine Ch. 8: Cognition and Perception
  Heine Ch. 14: Emotions
  Markus & Conner Ch. 1: Hearts and Minds, East and West
  Markus & Conner Ch. 9: The Economic Equator: Cultures of the Global North and South
  Markus & Conner Ch. 5: Class Acts: Socioeconomic Cultures

● MTG 5 (**): Cross-Cultural Relations
  
  **Readings:**
  
  Heine Ch. 13: Morality, religion, and justice
  Heine Ch. 9: Interpersonal attraction, close relationships, and groups
  Markus & Conner Ch. 3: Women Are from Earth, Men Are from Earth: Gender Cultures
  Markus & Conner Ch. 6: States of Mind: U.S. Regional Cultures

● MTG 6 (**): Applications of Cultural Psychology
  
  **Readings:**
  
  Heine Ch. 11: Physical health
  Heine Ch. 12: Mental health
  Markus & Conner Ch. 8: Love’s Labour’s Lost: Workplace Cultures

**Exam 2 plus 3 reaction papers due**