

Developing Skills for Community Change

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Course Description

This course will build on intercultural awareness gained in previous semesters of the program. Issues related to the social and economic developments in the so-called Third World will be discussed in terms of paradigm shifts that include both culture and technology. Students will be engaged in discussion of oral histories, case studies, and problems that arise from adopting a different world view.

Oral presentations

Issues in Development 10%

History Or the Peace Corps 5%

Current Peace Corps Issue 5%

The Appropriate Technology Report 10%

The Healing Drum Report 10%

Oral History Report 15%

Final paper 15%

Attendance & Participation* 30%

*You get 2 points toward your final grade for attending and participating in each class.

Course Reading

Global Links: Issues in Development (TV series)

Karen Schwarz. *What You Can Do For Your Country: An Oral History of the Peace Corps.*

Yaya Diallo and Mitchell Hall. *The Healing Drums: African Wisdom Teachings.*

Selected handouts.

Course Schedule

1 /13 Culture and Technology: Understanding Paradigms.

1 / 20 Issues in Development: Culture, Environment, and Education. (Case studies)

1/27 Developing Intercultural Awareness.

Different Paradigms of Environment and Technology.

2/3 Developing Interpersonal Skills.

Different Paradigms of Health and Medicine.

2/10 Developing Skills for Community Change: a Local Case Study.

2 / 17 Introduction to Sustainable Development.

Developing Skills for Community Change in a Foreign Culture.

2/24 Appropriate Technology (oral reports).

3/3 *Mindwalk* - Paradigm Shifts in Thinking and Technology.

3 / 10 Identifying paradigms: *The Healing Drum: African Wisdom Teachings*. Yaya Diallo and Mitchell Hall (book reports).

3 / 17 Oral History Workshop.

3 / 24 Field Trip (collecting oral histories in the local community)

3 /31 Spring break

4/7 The History Of The Peace Corps. (Case studies)

4/14 The History Of The Peace Corps.
Reports on oral histories.

4/ 21 The History of The Peace Corps; Current Peace Corps Issues.

4/28 Adopting different paradigms; **Final paper due**