

Peace Corps and Service Leadership

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Course Description

The Peace Corps 340 Course, Third World Perspectives, is designed to provide undergraduate students with an understanding and appreciation of the issues of intercultural interaction. In particular, the course attempts to provide an understanding of other cultures and the dynamics of cultural pluralism in today's world. Also, the course attempts to make students knowledgeable of the efforts that have and are currently occurring to address the similarities and dissimilarities between cultures and ethnic groups. This is done by lecture, experiential learning in small groups and groups that are involved in tasks that occur in transcultural contexts.

GOALS:

1. Provide students with information and experiences that lead to an understanding and appreciation of other cultures.
2. Provide students with information and experiences that lead to an understanding and appreciation of other ethnic groups.
3. Provide students with information and experiences that demonstrate the issues and challenges of working in a culturally pluralistic context.
4. Provide students with opportunities to interact and learn about other cultures and ethnic groups through direct contact with individuals and groups from differing cultures and ethnic groups.
5. Provide students with opportunities to interact and learn about living and working in transcultural contexts through direct contact with individuals who have lived and worked in such settings.
6. Provide students with information and experiences that demonstrate the complexity of helpful intervention when such interventions cross cultural, ethnic, and class boundaries.

Course Schedule

1-13/15 Introduction

1-20 Designing the Community. Cultural Assumptions. What is the Peace Corps?
Guest Speaker: Erica Zimmernan, Peace Corp Recruiter.

1-22 Designing the Community. Cultural Assumptions. What is the Peace Corps?
Guest Speaker: Kathleen Diehl, Peace Corp Volunteer in Paraguay and Peru.

1-27 Cultural Perspectives: Cambodia. *The Killing Fields*

1-29 Cultural Perspectives: Cambodia. *The Killing Fields*

2-3 Cultural Implications: Peace Keeping Mission in Somalia— Dorothy Delaney; PCV Niger;

Peacekeeping Mission, Somalia

2-5 Cultural Perspective: Thailand. Ted Clement, Peace Corp Volunteer

2-10/12 Group Service Project: Northfield Youth Center

2-17 Human Rights; Mayan Refugees; Costa Rican Video

2-19 Human Rights; Elders Film; Discussion Groups

2-24 Cultural Perspective: Nepal. Peace Corps Vol. Nick Ecker. Video: Land of Gods

2-26 Cultural Perspective: Nepal. Peace Corps Vol. Nick Ecker. Video: Land of Gods

3-3/5 Video: Seeking Peace; Group Service Project

Spring Semester Break: 3-7 to 3-15

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3-19 Human Rights; Guest Speakers: Mayan Refugees; Costa Rican Video

3-24 Cultural Perspective: Burma; *Beyond Rangoon*

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3-31/4-2 Group Service Project

4-7 Cultural Perspective: India; *City of Joy*

4-9 Cultural Perspective: Central America. Peace Corps Volunteer, David Pope

4-14/16 Research Presentations

4-21/23 Research Presentations

4-28/30 Research Presentations

Semester Exams: 5-3 to 5-8