

- course work with at least 2,000 words (Gordon Rule credit - 2,000 words)
- course work with at least 4,000 words (Gordon Rule credit - 4,000 words)
- course work with at least 6,000 words (Gordon Rule credit - 6,000 words)

The writing in such courses will be evaluated on effectiveness, organization, clarity and coherence as well as the grammar, punctuation and usage of standard written English. Courses taken to fulfill Gordon cannot be taken S-U.”

Your future career depends on the ability to interact successfully with people from other cultures as well as to write clearly. Therefore, a variety of written assignments will fulfill the Gordon Rule 6 standards:

Qty	Category	Page Minimum	Word count	Deadline	Pt. Value
4	Précis	1.5 each	2000		(50 each) 200
1	Midterm paper	3	1200		200
1	Term paper	6 w/biblio	2600		500
1	Article report	1	200		50
				Attendance	50
	Total:	20	6000	Total	1000

All précis must have title and author of source (300 words per page). Midterm and Term Paper must have a minimum of two qualified sources per page (excluding Internet sources), footnoted, or end noted in APA 4th edition or MLA.

Wk	Topic	Chapter	Wk	Topic	Chapter
1	Definitions/Characteristics	1, 4	9	Don Williams Conceptualizing Culture	
2,3	Perception/Beliefs/Values Larry Sarbaugh	2, 5	10	Power-Distance: Social, Gender (Preconceptions, Stereotypes, ambiguity)	6
4	Verbal Communication	7	11	US patterns: gender, class, race, ethnicity, sexuality and culture.	3
5	Nonverbal Comm	8	12	Social Networks	
6	Intercultural Relationships	9	13	Overcoming Barriers	
8	Intercultural Communication in Organizations	10	14	Ethnocentrism	

I am hoping for several guest speakers throughout the semester. Absences for them will count double. If we meet after hours, we will not meet during class times. Be prepared for cultural events that meet after hours and on the weekend.

Notes

Your research this term should include a variety of techniques. A mix of personal experiences, personal interviews, library sources (from journals), and critical analysis/synthesis will make you a more complete student. If you do not know how to use WebLUIIS and Lexis/Nexus databases for research, make an appointment with the reference librarian today.

You will be required to discuss your précis where you will describe the article, interview, or personal narrative. Then you will tell us how important it is and what this adds to our body of knowledge about intercultural communication.

During the semester you must attend a cultural function of your own choosing that is different from our cultural background. Within one week, write up a one page summary of the event, its significance, and what you learned.

Attendance policy

Obviously your attendance is required. Plan on presenting your information orally. Towards the middle of the semester, we may not meet formally on one of the days to allow you to research your midterm and term paper and meet with me individually. However, should you miss three sessions in a row without informing me as to the circumstances, I will assume you are intending to drop the course and a zero will be entered in the gradebook.

You may miss up to three class sessions this term. Tuesday's double session counts for two of those absences. After that, 25 points will be deducted from your grade per absence. Save your absences for when you need them, including official university business. If you miss six sessions during the term, a zero will be entered (especially for guest speakers). Please let me know about your schedule and I will work with you. If you fail to present when you are scheduled, you will not receive credit for the assignment. All written assignments are due when you present and not one minute later.

Your responsibilities

I have provided an interesting semester of work for you. Much of what we will do is present a little, then discuss a lot. The guest speakers range from students to professors and I will present some of my own videos of life around the world. Your responsibility is to come prepared with an article or experience we can discuss that represents something we should know about a culture or information that will help us communicate with people from other cultures. I expect each and every one of you to be prepared on time with some point to articulate.

-Knowledge is free, just bring your own container-