

PSYC 128

Cross-Cultural Psychology

3 Units
54 hours lecture; 54 hours total

This course will address the way cultural contexts influence human behavior and mental processes. The focus will be on culture, broadly-defined, including concepts such as gender, races, age, ethnicity, sexual orientation, religion, and socioeconomic status, and examining the role of culture in psychological theories and research relevant to cognition, emotion, motivation, personality, and developmental processes. The course will enable the student to acquire an understanding of research methods in cross-cultural psychology, an awareness of current research and theories in the field, and a better comprehension of the way cultural contexts affect everyday life experiences.

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Student Learning Outcomes:

1. Examine and evaluate the major psychological approaches to the conceptualization, etiology, and treatment of psychological disorders and the historical and sociocultural influences from which they arise.
2. Identify the distinguishing characteristics of psychological disorders, differentials, and comorbidities in the DSM-IV-TR.
3. Critically analyze the important legal, social, economic, and political factors that impact the definition, treatment, and stigmatization of psychological disorders.