

LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY
PSYC-566, CROSS-CULTURAL PSYCHOLOGY
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- Class Schedule:** Monday 3:30–5:20
Class Location: CDR-212
- Office Hours:** Wednesday, 3:30-4:30
CB-113
- Readings:** A book of reading assignments will be available in the main office during the first week of class. **See the schedule of assignments attached.**
- Bulletin Description:** Cross-cultural variations in psychological processes and behavior are analyzed in light of the role of culture and implications for the universality of psychological knowledge. Cross-cultural research, theory, and intervention are examined in terms of the implications for the study and practice of psychology in a multicultural society and interdependent world. It includes work in basic as well as applied areas of psychology.
- Course Objective:** At the end of the course students should be able to demonstrate a good understanding of the role of culture in psychological processes, dispositions, and behavior. They should be familiar with the cross-cultural literature, methods of research, and general approaches to the study of culture and sources of cultural variation such as ethnicity, race, SES, religion, and gender in psychology. In addition, students should be able to demonstrate the ability to identify and discuss cultural influences in psychological phenomena as well as the major issues concerning the development of universal principles and culturally sensitive interventions.
- Evaluation/Grades:** Grades will be based on the take-home final exam (50%), annotated bibliography (30%), and class participation (20%).

Grade Scale: 94%=A; 90%=A-; 86%=B+; 82%=B; 77%=B-; 72%=C+; 67%=C