



Course: Intercultural Communication

Thursdays, 7:30pm – 9:30pm
September 18 thru December 4, 2025

PROFESSOR:

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GUEST SPEAKER:

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Oct 30 and Nov 6

1. COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course explores the nature of intercultural communication, examines the key elements that make it up, and focuses on learning and acquiring the attitude and skills for effective intercultural communication as a Christian. It also considers the contextualized biblical leadership that disciples of Christ who work in multicultural settings should have.

2. COURSE OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this course, students should be able to:

1. Understand the basic elements and various aspects of intercultural communication.
2. Identify the main patterns of intercultural communication and analyze how these patterns affect intercultural communication.
3. Develop the ability to communicate interculturally.
4. Address the attitude of service for ministry in other cultures and reflect on their current service.

3. COURSE SCHEDULE

Week	Date	Topics	Assignments	Professor
1	Sep 18	Intercultural Communication		Dr. Hong
2	Sep 25	Foundations of Intercultural Communication Patterns	Pre-class Reading: Today's chapters from the text book Post-class Reflection: Reflection on a selected topic from previous class	Dr. Hong
3	Oct 2	Non-verbal communication & Contexting	Same as above	Dr. Hong
4	Oct 9	Polychronic and Monochronic Time & Individualism and Collectivism	Same as above	Dr. Hong
5	Oct 16	Social Power in Intercultural Communication & Gender Roles & Honor and Justice	Same as above	Dr. Hong
6	Oct 23	Reading week (No class)		
7	Oct 30	Special Lecture	No pre-class reading assignment. Only the post class reflection paper.	Rev. Park
8	Nov 6	Special Lecture	No pre-class reading assignment. Only the post class reflection paper.	Rev. Park
9	Nov 13	Intercultural Relationships & Intercultural Evangelism	Pre-class Reading: Today's chapter from the text book Post-class Reflection: Reflection on a selected topic from previous class	Dr. Hong
10	Nov 20	Intercultural Discipleship	Same as above	Dr. Hong
11	Nov 27	Intercultural Church Planting	Same as above	Dr. Hong
12	Dec 4	Intercultural Ministry through Teams Final Exam	Same as above	Dr. Hong

4. TEXT BOOKS

Primary Text

Moreau, A. Scott, Evvy Hay Campbell, Susan Greener. Effective Intercultural Communication: A Christian Perspective. Baker Academic. 2014

References

Duane Elmer, Cross-cultural Servanthood: Serving the World in Christlike Humility. IVP. 2006

Duane Elmer, Cross-cultural Connections: Stepping Out and Fitting In Around the World. IVP. 2002

5. ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADING GUIDELINE

a. Reading and class discussion – 20 % of Grade

- Before come to class, read the chapter to be discussed
- Discuss on the main arguments of the chapter

b. Personal Reflection Papers - 30 % of Grade

- 1 page (single space, 12 font size) reflection paper on a selected topic discussed during the previous class. Students freely choose the topic to write a reflection on.

c. Final Exam - 50% of Grade

- Students are given a list of questions to answer. It is an open book and open references exam.