## COM 342 Intercultural Communication

**Purpose:** The purpose of this program of study is to help students gain an understanding of the nature, processes, and applications of inter-cultural communication.

**Recommended Textbook:** The recommended textbook for this course is *Intercultural Communication in Context*, 6<sup>th</sup> Edition. The author is Judith Miller. Softcover, 560 pages. ©2012, McGraw-Hill, ISBN-13: 9780078036774.

Learning Outcomes: By the end of this study, students should be able to:

- 1. Explore cultural self-awareness, other culture awareness, and the dynamics that arise in interactions between the two.
- 2. Understand how communication processes differ among cultures.
- 3. Identify challenges that arise from these differences in intercultural interactions and learn ways to creatively address them.
- 4. Discover the importance of the roles concerning context and power in studying intercultural communication.
- 5. Demonstrate knowledge, skills and attitudes that help increase intercultural competence

**Structure:** This course is divided into three sections. Each section has several Areas of Study which correspond to the chapters of the recommended textbook.

## **COM 342.1 Foundations of Intercultural Communication**

First Area of Study: Why Study Intercultural Communication? Second Area of Study: The History of the Study of Intercultural Communication Third Area of Study: Culture, Communication, Context, and Power Fourth Area of Study: History and Intercultural Communication

## **COM 342.2 Intercultural Communication Processes**

First Area of Study: Identity and Intercultural Communication Second Area of Study: Language and Intercultural Communication Third Area of Study: Nonverbal Codes and Cultural Space

## **COM 342.3 Intercultural Communication Applications**

First Area of Study: Understanding Intercultural Transitions Second Area of Study: Popular Culture and Intercultural Communication Third Area of Study: Culture, Communication, and Intercultural Relationships Fourth Area of Study: Culture, Communication, and Conflict Fifth Area of Study: Striving for Engaged and Effective Communication

Academic Credit: Academic credit is earned for this course by passing the Intercultural Communication Examination. The exam has three parts which correspond to the sections listed above.

