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*, 6th 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.

