

PSY 672 Cultural Issues and Diversity

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COURSE SYLLABUS: FALL 2019

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Students with Disabilities

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for individuals with disabilities. In addition, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities are guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact Ms. Rebecca Tuerk, Director-Office of Student Disability Resources and Services-Gee Library, Room 132. Telephone Number: 903.886.5150 or 903.886.5835 Fax Number: 903.468.8148. Email Address: StudentDisabilityServices@tamuc.edu

Course Description

PSY 672. This course is an examination of cultural and diversity issues present in educational and psychological assessment and therapeutic treatment. Students will develop sensitization to personal and societal attitudes and values, as well as an increase of their awareness of current models of multicultural assessment and therapy/intervention. Topical areas addressed in the course are: culture, ethnicity, religion, socio-economic status, worldview, gender, age, disability, and sexual orientation. The course additionally identifies models for developing competency in assessing and providing therapeutic services to diverse clients.

Course Objectives

Students will gain knowledge in the areas of culture, ethnicity, religion, socio-economic status, worldview, gender, age, disability, and sexual orientation as they relate to psychological/educational assessment and therapeutic interventions. Students will develop sensitization to personal and societal attitudes and values, as well as an increase of their awareness of current models of multicultural assessment and therapeutic intervention.

COURSE INFORMATION

Textbook(s) Required:

- Graves, S. L., Blake, J. J. (2016). Psychoeducational Assessment and Intervention for Ethnic Minority Children. Evidenced-Based Approaches. Washington, D.C: American Psychological Association.
- Jones, J. (2009). The psychology of multiculturalism in the schools: A primer for practice, training, and research. Bethesda, MD: National Association of School Psychologists.

Additional readings and handouts will be provided

Links to NASP Model 10 Domains of Practice

Domain 1: Data-Based Decision Making & Accountability: You will gain knowledge of varied methods of assessment and data collection for identifying strengths and needs, developing effective services and programs, and measuring progress and outcomes.

- **Domain 4: Interventions and Mental Health Services to Develop Social and Life Skills:** You will gain knowledge of biological, cultural, developmental, and social influences on behavior and mental health, behavioral and emotional impacts on learning and life skills, and evidence-based strategies to promote social—emotional functioning and mental health.
- **Domain 5: School-Wide Practices to Promote Learning:** You will gain knowledge of school and systems structure, organization, and theory; general and special education; technology resources; and evidence-based school practices that promote learning and mental health.
- **Domain 6: Preventive and Responsive Services:** You will gain knowledge of principles and research related to resilience and risk factors in learning and mental health, services in schools and communities to support multitiered prevention, and evidence-based strategies for effective crisis response.
- **Domain 7: Family-School Collaboration Services:** You will gain knowledge of principles and research related to family systems, strengths, needs, and culture; evidence-based strategies to support family influences on children's learning and mental health; and strategies to develop collaboration between families and schools.
- **Domain 8: Diversity in Development and Learning:** You will gain knowledge of individual differences, abilities, disabilities, and other diverse student characteristics; principles and research related to diversity factors for children, families, and schools, including factors related to culture, context, and individual and role difference; and evidence-based strategies to enhance services and address potential influences related to diversity.
- **Domain 9:** You will gain knowledge of research design, statistics, measurement, varied data collection and analysis techniques, and program evaluation sufficient for understanding research and interpreting data in applied settings.

COURSE AND UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES/POLICIES

Attendance, Tardiness, & Leaving Class Early. Students are expected to attend class as scheduled. Attendance is mandatory and excused absences may be allowed in extreme circumstances. However, the instructor will consider this on a case-by-case basis. If you do have to be absent from class due to extreme circumstances please be prepared to provide adequate documentation upon your return to class. Students that have more than 3 unexcused absences will automatically receive a grade of F for the course.

In addition to attendance, being prompt for class is important. Students that are excessively late can be disruptive to the learning of other students. Please make an effort to be in class on time. Any student who is **late 20 minutes or more** will be **counted as absent**. You are more than welcomed to come to class if you are late but the same penalties for being absent will apply.

Finally, leaving class early can be a major distraction for the instructor and your classmates. If you have to leave early for class please inform the instructor before the start of class but this does not guarantee full credit for assignments to be done in class on that day. Also, regularly **leaving class early will have similar consequences as coming to class late**.

TAMUC Attendance

For more information about the attendance policy please visit the <u>Attendance</u> webpage and <u>Procedure 13.99.99.R0.01</u>.

http://www.tamuc.edu/admissions/registrar/generalInformation/attendance.aspx

 $\underline{http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/academic/13.99.99.R0.01.pdf}$

Professional Conduct. Students are expected to conduct themselves as mature and responsible adults while enrolled in this course. Be cognizant that side conversations in class can be distracting to the instructor and your classmates. Please show respect for others when they speak. If you do not agree with their point of view, ask for clarification or offer alternative viewpoints. Behavior meant to demean or belittle a class member will not be tolerated. Also, student behavior that interferes with an instructor's ability to conduct a class or other students' opportunity to learn is unacceptable and will not be tolerated in any instructional forum at TAMUC. Students engaging in unacceptable behavior will be directed to leave the classroom and the instructor will seek the assistance form the proper authorities (e.g. Chair of Psychology, Counseling, & Special Education and/or Dean's Office).

Finally, please turn off all phones or put them on silent. Laptops are permitted in class but should be used to enhance learning. Students should not use them for checking email or posting messages on Facebook, Twitter, or other social networks (the same with cell phones). If students are found to be using laptops or cell phones for purposes not related to class the instructor will ask the student to reframe from using their laptops/cell phones during class.

Student Conduct

All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. The Code of Student Conduct is described in detail in the Student Guidebook.

http://www.tamuc.edu/admissions/registrar/documents/studentGuidebook.pdf

Students should also consult the Rules of Netiquette for more information regarding how to interact with students in an online forum: Netiquette http://www.albion.com/netiquette/corerules.html

Class Participation. All students **MUST** actively participate in class discussions and class activities in order to fully gain knowledge and build competence in conducting cognitive assessments. In addition, students are expected to have all readings and activities required for each class to be completed prior to coming to class.

Leo Mail and MyLeo. All Students should activate and regularly check their Leo Mail and D2L accounts associated with this class. All assignments will be turned in on D2L unless otherwise instructed to do something differently by the instructor of this course. All class communication will be done through D2L. I **WILL NOT** send communication about the class to personal email accounts.

Late Assignments: Late assignments will **NOT** be accepted unless you have provided adequate documentation allowing your absence to be excused (doctor's note in case of illness or copy of a funeral program in case of a death of a loved one). In the event your absence is excused, the missing assignment or exam must be completed **within 1 week** of your return to class or the student will receive a grade of 0.

Academic Integrity. All students are expected to conform to the Texas A&M University-Commerce's Code of Student Conducted Procedures as it relates to academic integrity (http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/academic/13.99.99.R0.03UndergraduateAcademicDishonesty.pdf). This states in part that all instances of cheating, fabrication and plagiarism are prohibited and will be reported. Any student who assists in any form of dishonesty is equally as guilty as the student who accepts such assistance. Any work submitted to me with your name alone on it should represent your work alone. Even in the event you are assigned group projects each student is still expected to complete their own part of the assignment. To the extent that others contribute ideas, suggestions, they must be directly credited by name (and fully cited as appropriate). Disciplinary action will be taken against any student found in violation of the Code, which may include failure of the given assignment, failure in the course, and possible expulsion from the University. In the event a student fails to abide by the rules set forth in the TAMUC policy, they will receive a grade of 0 on that assignment with no opportunity to make that grade up and the student will be reported to the appropriate university officials.

Academic Integrity

Students at Texas A&M University-Commerce are expected to maintain high standards of integrity and honesty in all of their scholastic work. For more details and the definition of academic dishonesty see the following procedures:

Graduate Student Academic Dishonesty 13.99.99.R0.10

http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/graduate/13.99.99.R0.10GraduateStudentAcademicDishonesty.pdf

For Your Information: Procedure 34.05.99.R1 now prohibits the use of vapor/electronic cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, snuff and chewing tobacco inside and adjacent to any building owned, leased, or operated by A&M – Commerce.

Drop Policy. Students are responsible for officially dropping/withdrawing themselves from the course; failure to do so will result in a grade of "F". Please refer to the academic calendar in order to be aware of drop dates. The instructor reserves the right to do an administrative drop in certain situations.

Nondiscrimination Notice

Texas A&M University-Commerce will comply in the classroom, and in online courses, with all federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination and related retaliation on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, genetic information or veteran status. Further, an environment free from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression will be maintained.

Campus Concealed Carry Statement

Texas Senate Bill - 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in Texas A&M University-Commerce buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun. Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and A&M-Commerce Rule 34.06.02.R1, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations. For a list of locations, please refer to the Carrying Concealed Handguns On Campus document and/or consult your event organizer.

Web url:

 $\frac{http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/34Safet}{yOfEmployeesAndStudents/34.06.02.R1.pdf}$

Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all A&M-Commerce campuses. Report violations to the University Police Department at 903-886-5868 or 9-1-1.

Syllabus Change Policy

The syllabus is a guide. Circumstances and events, such as student progress, may make it necessary for the instructor to modify the syllabus during the semester. Any changes made to the syllabus will be announced in advance.

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

- To fully participate in online courses you will need to use a current Flash enabled internet browser. For PC and Mac users the suggested browser is Mozilla Firefox.
- You will need regular access to a computer with a broadband Internet connection. The minimum computer requirements are:
 - o 512 MB of RAM, 1 GB or more preferred
 - o Broadband connection required courses are heavily video intensive
 - Video display capable of high-color 16-bit display 1024 x 768 or higher resolution
- You must have a:
 - o Sound card, which is usually integrated into your desktop or laptop computer
 - o Speakers or headphones.
 - *For courses utilizing video-conferencing tools and/or an online proctoring solution, a webcam and microphone are required.
- Both versions of Java (32 bit and 64 bit) must be installed and up to date on your machine. At a minimum Java 7, update 51, is required to support the learning management system. The most current version of Java can be downloaded at: <u>JAVA web site</u> http://www.java.com/en/download/manual.jsp
- Current anti-virus software must be installed and kept up to date.
- Run a browser check through the Pearson LearningStudio Technical Requirements website.
 Browser Check http://help.ecollege.com/LS_Tech_Req_WebHelp/en-us/#LS Technical Requirements.htm#Browset

Running the browser check will ensure your internet browser is supported.

Pop-ups are allowed.

JavaScript is enabled.

Cookies are enabled.

- You will need some additional free software (plug-ins) for enhanced web browsing. Ensure that you download the free versions of the following software:
 - o Adobe Reader https://get.adobe.com/reader/
 - o <u>Adobe Flash Player</u> (version 17 or later) <u>https://get.adobe.com/flashplayer/</u>
 - o Adobe Shockwave Player https://get.adobe.com/shockwave/
 - o Apple Quick Time http://www.apple.com/quicktime/download/
- At a minimum, you must have Microsoft Office 2013, 2010, 2007 or Open Office. Microsoft
 Office is the standard office productivity software utilized by faculty, students, and staff.
 Microsoft Word is the standard word processing software, Microsoft Excel is the standard

spreadsheet software, and Microsoft PowerPoint is the standard presentation software. Copying and pasting, along with attaching/uploading documents for assignment submission, will also be required. If you do not have Microsoft Office, you can check with the bookstore to see if they have any student copies/ For additional information about system requirements, please see: System Requirements for LearningStudio https://secure.ecollege.com/tamuc/index.learn?action=technical

ACCESS AND NAVIGATION

Pearson LearningStudio (eCollege) Access and Log in Information

This course will be facilitated using Pearson LearningStudio, the learning management system used by Texas A&M University-Commerce. To get started with the course, go to myleo and from the top menu ribbon select eCollege. Then on the upper left side of the screen click on the My Courses tab. http://www.tamuc.edu/myleo.aspx

You will need your campus-wide ID (CWID) and password to log into the course. If you do not know your CWID or have forgotten your password, contact the Center for IT Excellence (CITE) at 903.468.6000 or helpdesk@tamuc.edu.

Note: It is strongly recommended you perform a "Browser Test" prior to the start of your course. To launch a browser test login to Pearson LearningStudio, click on the My Courses tab, and then select the Browser Test link under Support Services.

Pearson LearningStudio Student Technical Support

Texas A&M University-Commerce provides students technical support for the use of Pearson LearningStudio.

Technical assistance is available 24/7 (24 hours, 7 days a week).

If you experience LearningStudio (eCollege) technical problems, contact the LearningStudio helpdesk at 1-866-656-5511 (toll free) or visit Pearson 24/7 Customer Support Site http://247support.custhelp.com/

The student help desk may be reached in the following ways:

- **Chat Support:** Click on *'Live Support'* on the tool bar within your course to chat with a Pearson LearningStudio Representative.
- **Phone:** 1-866-656-5511 (Toll Free) to speak with Pearson LearningStudio Technical Support Representative.

Accessing Help from within Your Course: Click on the 'Tech Support' icon on the upper left side of the screen inside the course. Then you will be able to get assistance via online chat or by phone.

Note: Personal computer and internet connection problems do not excuse the requirement to complete all course work in a timely and satisfactory manner. Each student needs to have a

backup method to deal with these inevitable problems. These methods might include the availability of a backup PC at home or work, the temporary use of a computer at a friend's home, the local library, office service companies, Starbucks, a TAMUC campus open computer lab, etc.

Policy for Reporting Problems with Pearson LearningStudio

Should students encounter Pearson LearningStudio based problems while submitting assignments/discussions/comments/exams, the following procedure must be followed:

- 1. Students must report the problem to the help desk. You may reach the helpdesk at 1-866-656-5511.
- 2. Students must file their problem with the helpdesk and obtain a helpdesk ticket number
- 3. Once a helpdesk ticket number is in your possession, students should email me to advise me of the problem and provide me with the helpdesk ticket number.
- 4. I will call the helpdesk to confirm your problem and follow up with you

PLEASE NOTE: Your personal computer and internet access problems are not a legitimate excuses for filing a ticket with the Pearson LearningStudio Help Desk. Only Pearson LearningStudio based problems are legitimate reasons to contact the Help Desk.

You strongly are encouraged to check for your internet browser compatibility **BEFORE** the course begins and take the Pearson LearningStudio tutorial offered for students who may require some extra assistance in navigating the Pearson LearningStudio platform.

myLeo Support

Your myLeo email address is required to send and receive all student correspondence. Please email helpdesk@tamuc.edu or call us at 903-468-6000 with any questions about setting up your myLeo email account. You may also access information at myLeo. https://leo.tamuc.edu

Learner Support

The <u>One Stop Shop</u> was created to serve you by providing as many resources as possible in one location. http://www.tamuc.edu/admissions/onestopshop/

The <u>Academic Success Center</u> provides academic resources to help you achieve academic success. http://www.tamuc.edu/campusLife/campusServices/academicSuccessCenter/

FREE MobilE APPS

The Courses apps for phones have been adapted to support the tasks students can easily complete on a smaller device. Due to the smaller screen size course content is not presented. The Courses app is free of charge. The mobile Courses Apps are designed and adapted for different devices.

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COURSES		Android – LearningStudio Courses - Phone perating iPhone - OS 6 and above		
COURSES	Operating			
	System:	Android – Jelly Bean, Kitkat, and Lollipop OS		
	iPhone https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/pearson-learningstudio-			
	App URL:	courses/id977280011?mt=8		
	Android			
	App URL:	https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.pearson.lsphone		

Once downloaded, search for Texas A&M University-Commerce, and it should appear on the list. Then you will need to sign into the myLeo Mobile portal.

The Courses App for Android and iPhone contain the following feature set:

- View titles/code/Instructor of all Courses enrolled in online
- View and respond to all discussions in individual Courses
- View Instructor Announcements in individual Courses
- View Graded items, Grades and comments in individual Courses
- Grade to Date
- View Events (assignments) and Calendar in individual Courses
- View Activity Feed for all courses
- View course filters on activities
- View link to Privacy Policy
- Ability to Sign out
- · Send Feedback

LearningStudio Notifications

Students can be alerted to course activities via text on their mobile phones or up to two email addresses. Based on their preferences, students can automatically receive a push notification with every new: course announcement, threaded discussion post, grade, and/or assignment without having to login to the course. Enrolled students will automatically receive email notifications for announcements and can opt out of this feature. To receive text notifications, students must opt in.

To begin setting up notifications, go into your course in LearningStudio and click on the bell-shaped Notifications icon on the main menu ribbon.

By default the student's university email address will appear. This cannot be changed in LearningStudio. Additional email addresses may be added by clicking the Add button. After all of the other selections are completed be sure to click the Save and Finish button.

COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT

Interaction with Instructor Statement

All Students should activate and regularly check their Leo Mail (e-mail account) and eCollege accounts associated with this class. All assignments will be turned in on eCollege (when applicable) unless otherwise instructed to do something differently by the instructor of this

course. All class communication will be done through Leo Mail/eCollege. I **WILL NOT** send communication about the class to personal email accounts.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Class Format

This course will consist of lecture, discussion groups, small group work, role-playing, and other active learning exercises. Since much of the time will be spent in discussion, it is critical that students read assigned material before class so that all students will be able to participate in the learning process.

Course Activities & Assignments

1. Class Participation: (50 points)

Coming to class prepared is essential for your learning and daily quizzes will be given. Quizzes will count towards your participation grade. Discussion, presentations, and activities require your active participation. You are expected to complete the readings scheduled for each class, and to come to class prepared to discuss them. It is essential that you attend class, read assignments, and complete assigned activities each week.

2. Student Lead Presentation (100 points each)

Students are required to complete two 45-60-minute presentations on the designated weekly topics of their choice. Presentations should include all information relevant to the assigned topic including but not limited to: topic name, background information, impact on the field of school psychology, applicability in our changing cultural society and influence on assessment and intervention/counseling, 2-3 empirical research articles relevant to the topic, limitations regarding best practices (if any), how you will apply this in your practice as a LSSP, and multicultural considerations. In addition, each presentation should incorporate an activity that enhances the learning experience.

3. Implicit Association Test (20 points each)

Students are required to complete the Harvard Race, Native, Asian, Arab-Muslim IATs along with one IAT of their choice. Students must submit a short write-up for each IAT which:

- 1) Provides a prediction of what their results will be
- 2) States that actual results
- 3) Discusses your thoughts about the results
- 4) Discusses the implications of the results regarding your practice as a LSSP

The website is as follows: https://implicit.harvard.edu/implicit/takeatest.html. It will ask you to input your personal information but you do not need to if you do not want to. Just enter the bare minimum that is required to complete the task.

4. Cultural Application Paper (100 points) /presentation (50 points)

Students are required to write a 10-15-page APA style paper (not including title page, references or tables/graphs) on a topic that they are interested in related to diversity in assessment and intervention. The paper must discuss a topic that adds to the literature and that can be turned into

a poster or paper presentation and/or submitted as a research article. Students are also required to present a 20-30-minute presentation to the class discussing their topic.

5. Hot Topic (25 points each)

Students are required to discuss two events/topics occurring in the real world with the class. Students must state the topic and how it relates to diversity, why they have chosen it, how it impacts the field of school psychology and how they think it will impact their practice and the students/families and schools they operate within.

Assignment Points Possible:

Total Points:	500
Hot topics	50
Cultural Application Paper	150
Implicit Association Tests	100
Student Lead Presentations	200
Class Participation	50

Final Grades

A (550-495)

B (494-440)

C (439-385)

D (384-330)

F (329 and below)

Fall 2019 Course Schedule PSY 672 (Subject to Change)

Week	Topic & Assignment	Reading
1. August 26 th	 Greeting and introductions Review syllabus Sign-up for presentation topics History of assessment and multicultural school psychology 	 Graves & Blake Ch 1 & 3 Jones Ch 2 Articles on D2L
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2. September 2 nd	Labor Day - NO CLASS	
3. September 9 th	Theoretical Frameworks, Multiculturalism, Privilege & Bias	 Graves & Blake Ch 2 Jones Ch 1 & 4 Articles on D2L
	Presenter:	
4. September 16 th	IQ and Academic Assessment of Ethnic Minority/Diverse Students	 Graves & Blake Ch 4 & 5 Articles on D2L
	Presenter:	
5. September 23 rd	Academic Interventions of Ethnic Minority/Diverse Students	 Graves & Blake Ch 9 & 13 Jones Ch 6 Articles on D2L
	Presenter:	
6. September 30 th	Social Emotional Assessment and Intervention of Ethnic Minority/Diverse Students	 Graves & Blake Ch 6 & 10 Articles on D2L
	Presenter:	
7. October 7 th	Early Childhood and Neuropsychological Assessment of Ethnic Minority/Diverse Students	 Graves & Blake Ch 7 & 8 Articles on D2L
	Presenter:	

8. October 14 th	No Class – Work Day	
	*Submit first draft of your Paper by 11:59pm	
9. October 21st	Assessment of Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Students	Jones 7Articles on D2L
	Presenter:	
	DFW RASP – HOUSTON, TX (23 rd – 25 th)	
10. October 28 th	Counseling	Jones Ch 9Articles on D2L
	Presenter:	• Afficies off D2L
11. November 4 th	Consultation	Graves & Blake Ch 11
	Presenter:	Jones Ch 8Articles on D2L
12. November 11 th	• Training and Professional Development	 Graves & Blake Ch 14 Jones Ch 5
	Presenter:	• Articles on D2L
13. November 18 th	Social Justice & Community Based Practice	Graves & Blake Ch 12Jones Ch 3
	Daseu Fractice	Jones Cn 3Articles on D2L
	Presenter:	THURSON DEE
	*Cultural Application Paper Due by 11:59pm	
14. November 25 th	• Presentations on Paper!!!	
15. December 2 nd	• Presentations on Paper!!!	
16. December 9 th	Finals Week ©	

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