



COUN 426, 01W, Cultural Enrichment

COURSE SYLLABUS: Spring, 2025

AI use policy as of May 25, 2023

East Texas A&M University acknowledges that there are legitimate uses of Artificial Intelligence, ChatBots, or other software that has the capacity to generate text, or suggest replacements for text beyond individual words, as determined by the instructor of the course.

Any use of such software must be documented. Any undocumented use of such software constitutes an instance of academic dishonesty (plagiarism).

Individual instructors may disallow entirely the use of such software for individual assignments or for the entire course. Students should be aware of such requirements and follow their instructors 'guidelines. If no instructions are provided the student should assume that the use of such software is disallowed.

In any case, students are fully responsible for the content of any assignment they submit, regardless of whether they used an AI, in any way. This specifically includes cases in which the AI plagiarized another text or misrepresented sources.

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INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

Instructor: Dr. Shenequa C. Miller

Office Location: Online Only

Office Hours: Tue & Thur 1:00pm – 2:00pm online only per request

Cell Phone: 214-830-7410 (text only please)

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Preferred Form of Communication: Please always list course number in Subject Field.

COUN 426 Communication Response Time: Within 24-36 hours

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COURSE INFORMATION

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Textbook(s) Required – DIVERSITY CONSCIOUSNESS

Author: BUCHER

Edition: 4TH Edition

Published Date: 2015 ISBN: 9780321919069

Publisher: PEARSON

Course Description

As a foundational, entry-level course, students will develop an understanding of historical and cultural impact of the diversity consciousness in the United States. Students will develop an understanding of multicultural and pluralistic trends, including characteristics and concerns between and within diverse groups nationally and internationally; attitudes, beliefs, understandings, and acculturation; ethical and legal considerations related to social and cultural diversity.

Student Learning Outcomes

- 1. Demonstration of understanding of key theory and concepts.**
- 2. Evidence of ability to apply newly acquired skills.**
- 3. Skillful and appropriate use of discipline-specific vocabulary.**
- 4. Demonstration of professionalism, and understanding of ethics and legal components of this academic field.**
- 5. Practice of college-level academic writing, and ability to integrate content learned of this professional field of study with general content knowledge of undergraduate-level counseling content.**

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COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Instructional Methods

This course requires active participation. Lively discussion, interesting case studies, practical group projects, real life application, and earnest exploration of content and informed opinions, are all part of the format for learning here. Outlining and reading the chapters before class discussions, as well as regular attendance, either in person or via D2L log-in in an on-line format, will be necessary and required. Content and assignments missed due to unexcused absences cannot be made up. Please be certain to read the University's policy regarding documentation required for excused absences. Again, please note that attendance and participation are essential to success in this course.

Student Responsibilities or Tips for Success in the Course

GRADING

Final grades in this course will be based on the following scale:

A = 90%-100%

B = 80%-89%

C = 70%-79%

D = 60%-69%

F = 59% or Below

Total points corresponding to the final letter grades

A = 900-1000 Points

B = 800-899 Points

C = 700-799 Points

D = 600-699 Points

F = 599 & less Points



Weights of the assessments in the calculation of the final letter grade.

Assignments 35%

Discussions 35%

Project or Paper 10%

Midterm Exam 10%

Final Exam 10%

TOTAL 100%

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

Minimal Technical Skills Needed

Learning Management System (LMS)

All course sections offered by East Texas A&M University have a corresponding course shell in the myLeo Online Learning Management System (LMS). Below are technical requirements

LMS Requirements: <https://community.brightspace.com/s/article/Brightspace-Platform-Requirements>

LMS Browser Support:

https://documentation.brightspace.com/EN/brightspace/requirements/all/browser_support.htm

Zoom Virtual Classroom Requirements: <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362023-Zoom-system-requirements- Windows-macOS-Linux>

ACCESS AND NAVIGATION

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: 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.

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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 East Texas A&M University campus open computer lab, etc.

COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT

If you have any questions or are having difficulties with the course material, please contact your Instructor. Shenequa.miller@tamuc.edu

Technical Support

If you are having technical difficulty with any part of Brightspace, please contact Brightspace Technical Support at 1-877-325-7778. Other support options can be found here: <https://community.brightspace.com/support/s/contactsupport>

Interaction with Instructor Statement

COURSE AND UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES/POLICIES

Course Specific Procedures/Policies

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 or in writing.

University Specific Procedures

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

<https://inside.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:

<https://www.britannica.com/topic/netiquette>

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East Texas A&M University Attendance

For more information about the attendance policy, please visit the webpages below.

Attendance,

<https://inside.tamuc.edu/admissions/registrar/generalInformation/attendance.aspx>

Academic Integrity

Academic Integrity is paramount! Students at East Texas A&M University are expected to maintain high standards of integrity and honesty in all of their scholastic work. Be certain you are familiar with university policy and procedures regarding academic integrity. It is a core value of higher education, and failure to comply can result in consequences from a failing grade on an assignment, to failure of a course, to dismissal from the institution. Use of Artificial Intelligence presented as your own work is not allowed. Be certain to ask questions and seek help from the Writing Center on proper citation and quoting on all submitted assignments. For more details and the definition of academic dishonesty, see the following procedures:

Undergraduate Students Academic Integrity Policy and Form

Undergraduate Academic Dishonesty 13.99.99.R0.03

<https://inside.tamuc.edu/aboutus/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/undergraduates/13.99.99.R0.03UndergraduateAcademicDishonesty.pdf>

Undergraduate Student Academic Dishonesty Form

<https://inside.tamuc.edu/aboutus/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/documents/13.99.99.R0.03UndergraduateStudentAcademicDishonestyForm.pdf>

Graduate Students Academic Integrity Policy and Form

Graduate Student Academic Dishonesty

<https://inside.tamuc.edu/aboutus/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/graduate/13.99.99.R0.10.pdf>

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Graduate Student Academic Dishonesty Form

<http://www.tamuc.edu/academics/graduateschool/faculty/GraduateStudentAcademicDishonestyForm.pdf>

Students with Disabilities-- ADA Statement

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you have a disability requiring an accommodation or have questions, please contact:

Office of Student Disability Services

Velma K. Waters Library- Room 162

Phone (903) 886-5930 Fax (903) 468-8148

Email: StudentDisabilityServices@tamuc.edu

Website: <https://www.tamuc.edu/student-disability-services/>

Nondiscrimination Notice

East Texas A&M University 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 East Texas A&M University 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 East Texas A&M-University Rule 34.06.02.R1, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations.

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For a list of locations, please refer to the Carrying Concealed Handguns On Campus document and/or consult your event organizer.

Web url:

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedurees/34SafetyOfEmployeesAndStudents/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.

East Texas A&M-University Supports Students' Mental Health

Counseling Center Services

The Counseling Center at East Texas A&M-University, located in the Halladay Building, Room 203, offers counseling services, educational programming, and connection to community resources for students. Students have 24/7 access to the Counseling Center's crisis assessment services by calling 903-886-5145. For more information regarding Counseling Center events and confidential services, please visit www.tamuc.edu/counsel

Department or Accrediting Agency Required Content

COURSE OUTLINE / CALENDAR

We will follow a 16-week semester schedule.

Week 1	1/12 – 1/18	Discussion Introduction
Week 2	1/19 – 1/25	Discussion (initial post due Wednesday & 2 replies due Sunday before 11:59pm) Assignment (due Sunday before 11:59pm)
MLK Jr Day	1/19/2026	Discussion (initial post due Wednesday & 2 replies due Sunday before 11:59pm)

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		Assignment (due Sunday before 11:59pm)
Week 3	1/26 – 2/1	Discussion (initial post due Wednesday & 2 replies due Sunday before 11:59pm) Assignment (due Sunday before 11:59pm)
Week 4	2/2 – 2/8	Discussion (initial post due Wednesday & 2 replies due Sunday before 11:59pm) Assignment (due Sunday before 11:59pm)
Week 5	2/9 – 2/15	Discussion (initial post due Wednesday & 2 replies due Sunday before 11:59pm) Assignment (due Sunday before 11:59pm)
Week 6	2/16 – 2/22	Discussion (initial post due Wednesday & 2 replies due Sunday before 11:59pm) Assignment (due Sunday before 11:59pm)
Week 7	2/23 – 3/1	Discussion (initial post due Wednesday & 2 replies due Sunday before 11:59pm) Assignment (due Sunday before 11:59pm)
Week 8	3/2 – 3/8	Discussion (initial post due Wednesday & 2 replies due Sunday before 11:59pm) Assignment (due Sunday before 11:59pm)
Spring Break	3/9 – 3/15	
Week 9	3/16 – 3/22	Midterm Exam
Week 10	3/23 – 3/29	Discussion (initial post due Wednesday & 2 replies due Sunday before 11:59pm) Assignment (due Sunday before 11:59pm)



Week 11	3/30 – 4/5	Discussion (initial post due Wednesday & 2 replies due Sunday before 11:59pm) Assignment (due Sunday before 11:59pm)
Week 12	4/6 – 4/12	Discussion (initial post due Wednesday & 2 replies due Sunday before 11:59pm) Assignment (due Sunday before 11:59pm)
Week 13	4/13 – 4/19	Discussion (initial post due Wednesday & 2 replies due Sunday before 11:59pm) Assignment (due Sunday before 11:59pm)
Week 14	4/20 – 4/26	Discussion (initial post due Wednesday & 2 replies due Sunday before 11:59pm) Assignment (due Sunday before 11:59pm)
Week 15	4/27 – 5/3	Discussion (initial post due Wednesday & 2 replies due Sunday before 11:59pm) Assignment (due Sunday before 11:59pm)
Week 16	5/4 – 5/8	Final Exam
Finals Week	5/4 – 5/8	
Graduate Commencement	5/8/2026	
Undergraduate Commencement	5/9/2026	

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