



**BASKENT UNIVERSITY
PSYCHOLOGY PROGRAM**

BAŞKENT ÜNİVERSİTESİ

COURSE OUTLINE

COURSE NAME:	CROSS-CULTURAL PSYCHOLOGY			
COURSE NUMBER:	PSK 400			
TEACHING PERIOD:	Fall Semester 2017/18			
CONTACT DETAILS	Name	Office	Phone	E-mail
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COURSE SCHEDULE	Thursday 9.00 – 11.50			
<i>IMPORTANT: Please note that the instructor reserves the right to make any necessary changes to this course outline as may be needed. The instructor reserves also the right to change or modify course materials or deadlines in response unforeseeable circumstances.</i>				

SECTION A: GENERAL INFORMATION

ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS	Students will not be graded for their attendance, but for their participation in the class discussions.
TEXTBOOK	Heine, S. J. (2012). <i>Cultural Psychology</i> (3 rd edition). New York: W. W. Norton & Company, Inc.
STUDENT FEEDBACK	In order to improve the quality of teaching and learning your feedback as a student for this unit is very much welcomed.

SECTION B: OBJECTIVES AND EXPECTED OUTCOMES

Human behavior is the product of person and situation. Culture is *the* situation in the broadest sense. Humans are so embedded in culture that sometimes culture goes unnoticed even though it has profound influences on human psyche. Because culture is relatively long-lasting, it also influences the person component. Cross-cultural psychology is the study of the interaction between culture and human behavior, cognition, and emotion. In this course, you will learn various definitions of culture, the interplay between biology and culture, how to study cultural phenomena at different levels, the influences of culture on personality, cognition, emotion, and motivation, cultural construction of self and identity, interpersonal, intragroup and intergroup processes as a function of culture as well as cross-cultural psychological approaches to contemporary problems posed by cultural contact. The goal of the course is to broaden your perspective on psychology of different lives, to help you assess your own cultural embeddedness and critically apply cross-cultural psychological knowledge in your new encounters with life and science.

SECTION C: ASSESSMENT DETAILS

MID-TERM EXAM	Assessment: The mid-term exam Format: Short essay questions Date: Week 8 Weighing: 40%
PRESENTATION	Assessment: You will select a popular cultural product from media (e.g., commercial, advertisement, song, children's book, magazine, television show, or movie); and evaluate the cultural content of the messages embedded in the product. You are asked to identify the target audience, the cultural norms that are emphasized, stereotypes and expectations that are presented in these messages. The presentations should not be longer than 10 minutes. Weighing: 15%
FINAL EXAM	Assessment: The final exam Date: TBA, during final examinations period Weighing: 45% Format: Short essay questions Coverage: All
REFERENCING	The psychology referencing requirement is the American Psychological Association (APA) style of referencing. See http://www.lesley.edu/library/guides/citation/apa.html for some basic information regarding APA style referencing.
OBJECTIONS	If you believe that you have been graded in error, please contact me via e-mail.

**SECTION D:
TEACHING
SCHEDULE**

Week	Lecture topic
Week 1	Meet & Greet, Course Overview What is Cultural Psychology?
Week 2	Culture and Human Nature
Week 3	Cultural Evolution: Chicken-or-Egg Question
Week 4	Major Cultural Differences
Week 5	Culture & Developmental Processes
Week 6	Self and Personality
Week 7	Living in Multicultural Worlds
Week 8	Midterm
Week 9	Culture & Motivation
Week 10	Culture & Cognition and Perception
Week 11	Culture & Emotions
Week 12	Culture & Psychological Disorders
Week 13	Presentations
Week 14	Presentations & Review