Curriculum Guide: Culture, Context, and Communities

This Curriculum Guide is not a major or minor plan; it is a list of recommended courses for students interested in cultural anthropology, American culture, and community psychology.

Note on Pre-requisites: Many of these courses have pre-requisites. Please refer to the current LSA Bulletin or course guide for information regarding which courses are required. It is important that pre-requisites are taken early in a student’s academic career so that they will be completed in time to take the desired course.

Lower Division (100-299) Psychology Courses (in addition to an Introductory Psychology Course)
- 122 Intergroup Dialogues (SOC 122)

Breadth Courses
These courses are recommended to be taken early in the student’s major plan as they serve as prerequisites to many upper division courses.
- 260 Introduction to Organizational Psychology
- 250 Introduction to Developmental Psychology
- 280 Introduction to Social Psychology

Lab Courses
The following courses may be used to satisfy a major lab requirement.
- 306 Project Outreach Group Leading
- 310 Processes of Intergroup Dialogue Facilitation (SOC 320)
- 311 Practicum in Facilitating Intergroup Dialogues (SOC 321)
- 317 Community-Based Research (AMCULT 306)
- 319 Empowering Families & Communities (AMCULT 319)
- 325 Practicum in the Multicultural Community (AMCULT 321)
- 351 Advanced Lab in Developmental Psychology
- 381 Advanced Lab in Social Psychology (SOC 472)

Upper Division (300-499) Psychology Courses
Students are advised to take as many upper-division courses as possible to fulfill the major credit hours. Most students wishing to specialize in this area are advised to take more than the minimum 34 credits required.
- 316 The World of the Black Child (CAAS 331)
- 353 Social Development
- 393 Political Psychology
- 457 Current Topics in Developmental Psychology
- 418 Psychology and Spiritual Development (RELIGION 448)
- 487 Current Topics in Social Psychology
- 493 Psychological Perspectives on Culture and Ethnicity

Interdisciplinary Courses
These courses, found across the university, are recommended to give students a broad, interdisciplinary background in the area of culture, context, and communities. Students should consider how these courses may be used to satisfy other degree requirements (e.g. Area Distribution credit, Race and Ethnicity, Quantitative Reasoning, and Upper Level Writing Requirements). There are numerous courses devoted to culture, context, and communities across university departments. Students are encouraged to explore these possibilities. We provide only a partial list here, as they relate to Psychology and the study of culture.
- AMCULT 350 Approaches to American Culture
- ANTHRCUL 222 The Comparative Study of Cultures
- ANTHRCUL 272/ LING 272 Language in Society
- ANTHRCUL 298 Topics in Cultural Anthropology
- ANTHRCUL 319 Latin American Society and Culture
- ANTHRCUL 320 Mexico: Culture and Society
- ANTHRCUL 330 Culture, Thought and Meaning
- ANTHRCUL 374/ LING 374 Language and Culture
- ANTHRCUL 402 Chinese Society and Cultures
- ANTHRCUL 404 Peoples and Cultures of Southeast Asia
- ANTHRCUL 409 Peoples and Cultures of the Near East and North Africa
- ANTHRCUL 411/ AAS 422 African Culture
- ANTHRCUL 414/ AAS 444 Introduction to Caribbean Societies and Cultures I
- ANTHRCUL 440 Environmental Anthropology
- ANTHRCUL 453/ AAS 454 African-American Culture
- ANTHRCUL 447 Culture, Racism, and Human Nature
- ANTHRCUL 458 Topics in Cultural Anthropology
- COMM 371 Media, Culture, and Society
- POLSCI 340 Governments and Politics in Western Europe
- POLSCI 350/ JUDAIC 451 The Politics and Culture of Modern East European Jewry
- POLSCI 353 The Arab- Israeli Conflict
- POLSCI 354 Governments and Politics of Southeast Asia
- POLSCI 355 Democracy and Development in Africa
- POLSCI 356 Government and Politics of Japan
- POLSCI 359/ AAS 449 African Politics
- SOC 304/ AMCULT 304 American Immigration
- WOMENSTD 350 Nonprofit Management, Community Engagement, and Feminist Practice
- WOMENSTD 351 Leading Feminism