FS213 (CRN 72434) Distance Education
Ethnic Identity and Developmental Patterns
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W E L C O M E . . .

FS213 integrates both traditional classroom and distance education instruction. In order to remain enrolled in this course, student must attend ALL mandatory meetings listed below. For our course management system we will be using Blackboard. It is your responsibility to be proficient in Blackboard. (See below for information on accessing technical support.) Although you will find more flexibility in this course compared to traditional classes, keep in mind that this course will require as much time—if not more time.

The Orientation is scheduled for August 20th from 9:30 to 11am in rm. N2032 on the North County Campus. The additional traditional classroom meetings will also be held at the above location from 9:30-11am on the following dates: September 17th, September 24th, October 22nd, November 5th, November 19th, and December 17th.

- Virtual & In-Person Office Hours:

Use bdrechsl@cuesta.edu if you need to contact me prior to the start of class. When the semester starts, I am available by e-mail (using the Blackboard email tool) where I can answer questions or address any concerns. I will make every attempt to respond within 24 hours Monday-Friday. I hold Office Hours on the SLO campus in room 4033 (Bldg. 4000) on MW from 12:30pm -1:30pm; TTh from 9:30am-10:30am; and other times by appointment. Additionally, if there is an emergency, you may leave a message with Human Development @ (805) 546-3263.

Required Texts: Multicultural Psychology, J.S. Mio, et al, 2009.
Other assigned reading distributed in class.

Textbooks are available at the Cuesta College bookstore.

Access to the Course:
You can log into the course on the first day of the semester; you can NOT access the course before the semester starts! When the semester starts, please log in right away so that you will not be dropped from the course. Mark your calendars! I will not contact you: starting on day one of the semester, course information will be provided in Blackboard.

To log in go to http://blackboard.cuesta.edu and follow the instructions; there is also now a direct link to Blackboard on our Cuesta.edu home page (http://cuesta.edu). It is located on the lower right hand corner of the page.

- Your login ID matches your Banner/my.cuesta ID: firstname_lastname (all lowercase). The default password for Blackboard is STUDENT (all upper case).

Change your password once you have logged in. Passwords for my.cuesta and Blackboard can be set to be the same; it is your choice. If you have taken a course before, through Blackboard/WebCT, you will use your existing password.
If you are having technical difficulties with the course website or can not log on, contact support@my.cuesta.edu or call 546-3100, extension 2802; help is available during working hours only. You will find 24/7 limited help (resetting passwords) at http://library.cuesta.edu/distance/techspt.htm or click on the student tab on myCuesta: choose the Distance Education link and technical support.

- Minimum Computer Requirements:

You need a reliable computer and internet connection, as well as a Cuesta e-mail account (check your Cuesta email before the beginning of the semester for course updates). Additionally, your computer needs to meet minimum system requirements to run Blackboard, the web-based course management program we are using.

Windows:
Microsoft Windows 98 2nd Edition or newer
o Intel Pentium-II or higher
o Netscape 4.0 or greater
o Microsoft Internet Explorer 4.0 or greater
o AOL 4.0 or greater
Macintosh:
MAC OS 9 or newer
o Power Macintosh power PC processor (G3 or higher recommended)
o Netscape 4.0 or greater
o Microsoft Internet Explorer 4.5 or greater
o AOL 4.0 or greater
DSL or cable connection is preferred, but 56K telephone modem may be sufficient.
Adobe Acrobat Reader: Most recent free version can be downloaded from:
http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html