

COUN 6976 - Social and Cultural Issues in Counseling

Fall 2026 Syllabus, Section 01, CRN 40035,

Credit hours: 3

Instructor

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Public Instructor Information

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M.Ed., Community Agency Counseling, Cleveland State University, 2003

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Course Description

6976. Social and Cultural Issues in Counseling. Counseling theory and techniques related to social and economic change, ethnic groups, subculture, issues of sexuality and gender, urban and rural societies, cultural mores, the use of leisure time, and differing life patterns. 3 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	Sue, D. W., Sue, D. (2022). Counseling the culturally diverse: Theory and practice (9th ed.). Wiley.		

The course readings are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances, research developments, current events, and/or to ensure better learning.

Schedule of Topics and Assignments

Day	Date	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
Thu	8/27	Syllabus & Course Introduction	
Thu	9/3	Sue et al. (2022): • Chapter 1 (Obstacles to Developing Cultural Competence and Cultural Humility: Understanding Resistance to Multicultural Training) • Chapter 2 (Multicultural Counseling and Therapy)	
Thu	9/10	Sue et al. (2022): • Chapter 3 (Cultural Perspectives and Barriers: The Individual Interplay of Cultural Experiences) • Sue, Arredondo, & McDavis (1992) - Multicultural competencies and standards: A call to the profession • Chapter 4 (Microaggressions)	Personal Mission Statement DUE by 11:59pm on Blackboard



Thu	9/17	Sue et al. (2022): • Chapter 5 (Sociohistorical Privilege and Oppression:) • Chapter 6 (Racial, Ethnic, Cultural (REC) Attitudes in People of Color) Toporek et al. (2009) - Promoting systemic change through the ACA Advocacy Competencies	
Thu	9/24	Sue et al. (2022): • Chapter 7 (White Racial Consciousness) • Chapter 8 (Multicultural Counseling Competence and Cultural Humility for People of Color Counselors and Therapists)	Cultural Immersion Exercise topic due to Instructor for approval by 11:59pm on Blackboard
Thu	10/1	Sue et al. (2022): • Chapter 12 (African Americans) • Chapter 13 (American Indians/ Native Americans and Alaskan Natives)	
Thu	10/8	Sue et al. (2022): • Chapter 14 (Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders) • Chapter 15 (Latinx Communities)	Reaction Paper #1 Due by 11:59pm
Thu	10/15	Sue et al. (2022): • Chapter 16 (Multiracial Americans) • Chapter 17 (Arab Americans)	
Thu	10/22	Sue et al. (2022): • Chapters 18 (Marginalized Religious Communities) • Chapter 19 (Immigrants and Refugees)	
Thu	10/29	Sue et al. (2022): • Chapter 20 (LGBTQ Communities) • Chapters 21 (Older Adults) • Chapter 22 (Women)	
Thu	11/5	No Class – Attending OCA/AOCC Conference	Work on Cultural Immersion Paper
Thu	11/12	Sue et al. (2022): • Chapter 23 (Individuals Living in Poverty) • Chapter 24 (Individuals with Disabilities)	Cultural Immersion Exercise DUE by 11:59pm Blackboard & SL&L System
Thu	11/19	Sue et al. (2022): • Chapter 9 (Multicultural Evidence-Based Practice) • Chapter 10 (Indigenous and Cultural Methods of Healing Among People of Color)	Reaction Paper #2 Due by 11:59pm
Thu	11/26	NO CLASS; HAPPY THANKSGIVING!	
Thu	12/3	Cultural Experience	"I Am Poem" & Bring Yourself in a Bag
Thu	12/10	Final Exam - IN CLASS	

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