

Global Learning Semesters

Course Syllabus

Course: ANTH-610 Experiencing Others

Department: Social Sciences

Host Institution: University of Nicosia, Nicosia, Cyprus



Course Summary		
Course Code	Course Title	Recommended Credit Hours
ANTH-610	Experiencing Others	5
Semester Offered	Contact Hours	Prerequisites
Fall or Spring	42	Graduate Standing SOC-510 Social and Cultural Theory
Department	Level of Course	Language of Instruction
Social Sciences	Upper Division	English

Course Description

Post-Socialist Transition
Labor Migration
Islam and the Arab World
Political Conflict between Tamils and Sinhalese
Hinduism
Buddhism
Domestic Service

Instructor

Dr Peter Loizos

Course Aims and Objectives

This course seeks to allow students to develop deeper insights into several of the ethnic minorities which have become part of the urban landscape in Cyprus in the last 20 years, with a view to deepening the understanding of cultural differences in general, and of the particular groups in particular. The course aims to increase insight and empathy into the dilemmas of migrant workers as they enter the cultural space of Cyprus. The course will examine appropriate writings about peoples from three cultural areas – the Arab world, Eastern Europe, and Southwestern Asia [Sri Lanka].

Teaching Methods

Interactive lectures; student presentations of summaries of required readings; films where appropriate; guided classroom dialogues with members of the ethnic minorities being studied, where possible, to obtain their perspectives on migration and living in Cyprus.

Course Teaching Hours

42 hours. The course is delivered during the Fall and Spring semesters in 14-weeks (3 hours/week).

Evaluation and Grading

Unseen midterm examination: 50%
Unseen final examination: 50%

Readings and Resources

Required Textbook

Ronald Cohen Global Diasporas.

Various journal articles and book chapters: A number of key texts will be selected to emphasize human predicaments, recent historical developments, and cultural values in the three regions. Guidance will be sought from appropriate area specialists and there will be an emphasis on up-to-date material.

Recommended Reading

Kathleen Verdery What was Socialism?

Various journal articles and book chapters