

Signature Assignment for ICS Student Learning Outcomes #4

Course: ICS 111 Intercultural Communication
Instructor: Joshua Young
Assignment Title: Intercultural Dialogue Paper

Outcome to be assessed: Divine Word College graduates will have acquired effective written and oral communication skills to be able to identify and evaluate methods to facilitate intercultural dialogue.

Assignment Description: For your final paper, you will write a 5-7 page paper where you answer the following prompt: “What are the key considerations for intercultural communication to promote human dignity?” Students will have time throughout the semester to work on this paper and may turn in drafts ahead of the due date. Students will then give a presentation over their answer to the question for class discussion. Students will be assessed on their ability to define and advocate for their answer to the prompt. Throughout the semester, we have discussed culture as an element of our identity, obligation to social groups, and expression. Students should examine what the relationship is between culture and these three elements through the lens of cultural/moral relativism and moral universalism to demonstrate an understanding of how to ethically engage with people outside their own cultural group, while providing examples.

Evaluation Criteria: Assessment of the Student Learning Outcome will utilize the following criteria:

- Context- Students are able to articulate a sophisticated understanding of the complexity of elements important to members of particular cultures and how cultural bias and rules impact one’s perspective.
- Ethics- Students are able to propose and explain ethical guidelines that negotiate the differences between moral/cultural relativism and universalism within the context of Christian mission.
- Engagement- Students are able to use examples and evidence to demonstrate how effective facilitation of intercultural dialogue has been achieved.
- Impact- Students are able to articulate the need and impact of intercultural dialogue and engagement.
- Supporting material- The ability to make use of effective evidence in an appropriate way.

Formatting:

Students will prepare a 5-7 page paper in APA format. This should include a title page, abstract page, and references page, which are NOT included in the 5-7 page requirement (these are in addition to those pages) with appropriate in-text citations and reference page. Papers should be double-spaced, size 12 Times New Roman font, with appropriate headings, and standard margins.

Possible Topics:

Students should focus on answering the essay question: What are the key considerations for intercultural communication to promote human dignity? Students may choose whatever examples and evidence that are credible and effective at defining and supporting their answer to the prompt.