

# DRAFT SYLLABUS

## INT 580 CROSS-CULTURAL IMMERSION

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### COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This yearlong course provides first-year students with the foundations for transformative ministry in a culturally diverse world. Students will learn concepts and approaches basic to intercultural understanding and learning, including biblical and theological resources; virtues, skills, and strategies for meaningful intercultural engagement; engage in substantive immersion in a cultural context not one's own; and assessment tools to enable effective feedback and continued growth as a Christian leader.

### COURSE OBJECTIVES:

#### Knowing:

- Develop baseline profile of current knowledge and skills in intercultural engagement (IDI)
- Learn basic definitions and skills for effective intercultural engagement
- Gain biblical, theological, and spiritual grounding for intercultural competence

#### Doing:

- Use cultural difference for mutual learning, correction, and growth
- Negotiate cultural codes, mores, and values in a host culture
- Articulate the religious/theological meaning in an intercultural encounter
- Apply learning from an intercultural encounter to own practice of ministry

#### Being:

- Cultivate openness, humility, and desire to learn about and from unfamiliar cultures
- Practice self-critical attitude toward own culture and non-judgmental attitude to other cultures
- Exhibit awareness of dynamics of power and privilege in host culture and one's own culture
- Commit to apply insights from intercultural encounter to own ministry context

### REQUIRED TEXT:

Ting-Toomey, Stella and Leeva C. Chung. *Understanding Intercultural Communication*. Second edition. Oxford University Press, 2011. ISBN: 978-0199739790. List price: \$99.95.

**Note:** *This book is the only text you will be required to purchase for the entire course. You will not need to purchase additional books in spring. Other required reading will be posted on the course site on Moodle.*