

EE476 Lab 2

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Cultural Competence

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In lab today, you will (or have) heard a short lecture by your GTA discussing cultural competence. A copy of this presentation is also available on the class website. In this assignment, you will apply what you learned during lab to write a paper about a culture other than your own. You will be required to pair up with someone who has a different cultural upbringing than your own. Generally speaking, you can tie this to geography. If you both come from the same city, or even the same state, you should find someone else to pair with. Your GTA will meet with each pair to check that you are from obviously different cultures. If somehow there aren't enough cultures represented in the lab, you can "pair" as a group of three.

So, now that you're paired up, it's time to interview each other. You will need to write an essay on the culture of your lab partner. This essay is a brief exploration of his/her culture, hopefully one that you are not already familiar with. It is an individual writing exercise that will be graded and count toward your semester grade. Content, a peer review, and organization, flow and English usage will all count toward your grade. Though you are interviewing another student in lab about their culture, you are also required to do additional research on their culture from other sources. You must have at least three sources in your paper. The interviewee must be one of these sources. Use IEEE format for all sources (see the class website for more information on the IEEE citation format).

A double-spaced typed draft copy is due in lab on October 8, 9, 11 (depending on the day of the week your lab meets on). That day, you will be trading draft essays with another student to read and evaluate. This must not be the same person you interviewed! **You will read another student's essay, write suggestions for improvement on their paper/peer review form and circle the appropriate blocks on the writing analysis form.** The peer review part of your grade will be based on whether you did a thorough job on the peer review. Your peer review ratings will not impact the grade of the author of the paper, but the author should be able to get some helpful suggestions from your peer review. You will submit a copy of your peer review electronically (as a backup) via BBLearn.

Your essay should explore 5 of the 10 "Due Diligence" cultural issues discussed in today's lab lecture. Two of the categories should be covered in greater depth and should be covered first in your paper. They should be each 200-250 words and the three other issues of less depth should be each 100-150 words. The total length should be in the range of 700-950 words (your grade will be lowered up to 10 points if any section is either too long or too short). Be sure to use headings to help organize your writing and guide the reader regarding which "Due Diligence" area you are addressing.

Looking forward, you will need to address, or at least consider, all feedback you receive from your peer review. **A final copy of this assignment will be due October 19 by midnight.** Keep in mind, you will have formed groups by this date, and will be busy with activities related to your capstone project. Given that you will have the feedback before your group is formed, I advise you to consider submitting the final version before this deadline.