Course synopsis:

We are living in a post-modern world where the technology changes rapidly. Such rapid change in technology would bring with it changes in the culture in which we live. People also migrate from one cultural community to another cultural community, either as sojourners or students or as immigrants. Cultural transition has become an important part of every modern professional's life. In this subject, we will introduce classical and modern theories on sojourning, migration and acculturation. We will also introduce strategies of coping and thriving in cultural transitions, including coping with cultural diversity in multilingual and multi-ethnic societies. Finally, we will discuss the process of acculturation and adjustment to a new culture, and the patterns of the host country's reaction and accommodation to the new immigrants.

Materials

There is no set text for this course. Quiz and Exam is based on the Lecture and information in the Hand-out corresponding to each Lecture. Students are encouraged to read the recommended books to broaden their perspective on the various issues of acculturation.

Lecture Time and Location
Tue 1730 – 2030, LT29

Course Assessment
Midterm Quiz: 30%
Final Exam: 70%
**Bonus RP credit: 4%
Exam is scheduled on 28th April (Tue) 2015, evening.

Mid-term Quiz
All students are to attend the Midterm Quiz on 24th Feb (Tue) 2015. If you are unable to attend the quiz, please produce a medical certificate (MC) of Leave of Absence. All MCs are to be submitted to your respective School. The last date of submission for an MC is on 10th Mar 2015. There will be no makeup quiz. For students with valid MC, their final exam will account for 100% of the course assessment instead of 30%.

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References


