



CIEE Prague, Czech Republic

Course Name:	Identity, Culture and Cultural Misunderstanding in the Czech Context
Course Number:	ANTH 3005 PRAG
Programs offering course:	CES, CNMJ
Language of instruction:	English
U.S. Semester Credits:	3
Contact Hours:	45
Term:	Spring 2020

Course Description

Although contemporary Czech society is still perceived as very homogenous, topics related to ethnicity, identity, culture and nationalism are nonetheless very vivid. There have been many changes in the ethnic structure of the country since 1918 and ethnic tensions became a strong force that have played an important role in all the changes that took place over the past twenty years. This course will analyze this force and explore the link between political, social and economic changes and intercultural issues from different perspectives.

The aim of the course is threefold: an introduction to intercultural issues in the Czech context against a background of social, political and historical change; an introduction to the main topics related to intercultural issues; and a reflection on intercultural competencies.

Part of the course will be organized together with a group of Czech students from Faculty of Humanities, Charles University, Department of Civil Society.

Learning Objectives

By the end of the course, students will

- understand issues concerning identity, culture and cultural misunderstanding pertinent to the Czech environment and ways these issues have been addressed
- analyze the ways in which culture influences our daily life in general and in the Czech context specifically
- be able to critically examine the way historical and social contexts influence our perception of intercultural issues
- be able to reflect on personal experience in the context of living abroad for four months

Course Prerequisites

No prerequisites

Methods of Instruction

To facilitate a genuine experience, the class will employ different methods and tools, including

- teacher’s presentations introducing particular topics
- students’ presentations demonstrating their understanding of a particular topic
- guest speakers
- reflections based on a wide range of training methods used in intercultural training
- field trips and observations
- an intensive workshops with Czech students
- a visit to an English-language performance at the Theatre of the Oppressed

Assessment and Final Grade

1. Individual presentation:	20 %
2. Theatre of the Oppressed reflection:	10 %
3. Intensive course reflection:	15 %
4. Midterm paper:	15 %
5. Final paper:	20 %
6. Class participation:	20 %

Course Requirements

Individual presentation

Each student will have a presentation based on a scholarly article and linking theoretical concepts to his/her own reflections of intercultural issues.

Lengths of the presentation – 20 minutes

Theater of the Oppressed reflection

Each student will submit a reflection on the Theater of the Oppressed performance. Specific guidelines will be provided via Canvas course site.

Length: 750-1000 words

Intensive course reflection

Each student will submit a reflection on the workshop themes and activities. Specific guidelines will be provided via Canvas course site.

Length: 1300-1500 words

Midterm and final paper

Each student will write two papers – a mid-term paper and a final paper, each divided into two parts: a description of a specific situation and its reflection in the light of the literature and concepts covered during the course. Specific guidelines will be provided via Canvas course site.

General parameters:

Midterm paper: 1200-1500 words, use of at least 3 theoretical texts to support the arguments presented.

Final paper: 1700–2000 words, use of at least 5 theoretical texts to support the arguments presented.



Class Participation

Activity in the class will be based on self-assessment and reflection of each class as well as active preparation for each class session, including reading the required texts and the ability to apply presented contexts in class discussions and activities.

CIEE Prague Class Participation Policy

Assessment of students' participation in class is an inherent component of the course grade. Participation is valued as **meaningful contribution in the digital and tangible classroom**, utilizing the resources and materials presented to students as part of the course. Students are required to actively, meaningfully and thoughtfully contribute to class discussions and all types of in-class activities throughout the duration of the class. Meaningful contribution requires students to be prepared, as directed, in advance of each class session. This includes valued or informed engagement in, for example, small group discussions, online discussion boards, peer-to-peer feedback (after presentations), interaction with guest speakers, and attentiveness on co-curricular and outside-of-classroom activities.

Students are responsible for following the course content and are expected to ask clarification questions if they cannot follow the instructor's or other students' line of thought or argumentation.

The use of electronic devices is only allowed for computer-based in-class tests, assignments and other tasks specifically assigned by the course instructor. Students are expected to take notes by hand unless the student is entitled to the use of computer due to his/her academic accommodations. In such cases the student is required to submit an official letter issued by his/her home institution specifying the extent of academic accommodations.

Class participation also includes students' active participation in Canvas discussions and other additional tasks related to the course content as specified by the instructor.

Students will receive a partial participation grade every three weeks.

CIEE Prague Attendance Policy

Regular class attendance is required throughout the program, and **all absences are treated equally regardless of reason** for any affected CIEE course. Attendance policies also apply to any required co-curricular class excursions or events, as well as Internship.

Students who transfer from one CIEE class to another during the add/drop period will not be considered absent from the first session(s) of their new class, provided they were marked present for the first session(s) of their original class. Otherwise, the absence(s) from the original class carry over to the new class and count against the grade in that class.

Missing classes will lead to the following penalties:

90-minute semester classes:



<i>Number of 90-minute classes</i>	<i>Equivalent percentage of the total course hours missed</i>	<i>Minimum penalty</i>
one to two 90-minute classes	up to 10%	no penalty
three 90-minute classes	10.1–15%	reduction of the final grade by 3%
four 90-minute classes	15.1–17%	reduction of the final grade by 5%; written warning
five 90-minute classes	17.1–20%	reduction of the final grade by 7%; written warning
six and more 90-minute classes	more than 20%	automatic course failure and possible expulsion

180-minute semester classes:

<i>Number of 180-minute classes</i>	<i>Equivalent percentage of the total course hours missed</i>	<i>Minimum penalty</i>
one 180-minute class	up to 10%	no penalty
two 180-minute classes	10.1–20%	reduction of the final grade by 5%; written warning
three and more 180-minute classes	more than 20%	automatic course failure and possible expulsion

Persistent absenteeism (students approaching 20% of the total course hours missed, or violating the attendance policy in more than one class) will result in a written warning, a notification to the student’s home school, and possibly a dismissal from the program.

Missing more than 20% of the total class hours will lead to a **course failure**, and **potential program dismissal**. This is a CIEE rule that applies to all CIEE courses and is in line with the Participant Contract that each CIEE student signs before arriving on-site.

Late arrival to class will be considered a partial (up to 15 minutes late) or full (15 or more minutes late) absence. **Three partial absences due to late arrivals will be regarded as one full class absence.**

Students must notify their professor and Program Coordinators (PC) beforehand if they are going to miss class for any reason and are responsible for any material covered in class in their absence.

If missing a class during which a test, exam, the student’s presentation or other graded class assignments are administered, **make-up assignment will only be allowed in approved circumstances**, such as serious medical issues. In this case, the student must submit a local doctor’s note within 24 hours of his/her absence to the PC, who will decide whether the student qualifies for a make-up assignment. Doctor’s notes may be submitted via e-mail or



phone (a scan or a photograph are acceptable), however **the student must ensure that the note is delivered to the PC.**

Should a truly **extraordinary situation** arise, the student must contact the PC immediately concerning permission for a make-up assignment. Make-up assignments are not granted automatically! The PC decides the course of action for all absence cases that are not straightforward. **Always contact the PC with any inquiry about potential absence(s) and the nature thereof.**

Personal travel (including flight delays and cancelled flights), handling passport and other document replacements, interviews, volunteering and other similar situations are not considered justifiable reasons for missing class or getting permission for make-up assignments.

For class conflicts (irregularities in the class schedule, including field trips, make-up classes and other instances), **always contact the Academic Assistant** to decide the appropriate course of action.

Course attendance is recorded on individual Canvas Course Sites. **Students are responsible for checking their attendance regularly to ensure the correctness of the records.** In case of discrepancies, students are required to contact the Academic Assistant **within one week of the discrepancy date** to have it corrected. Later claims **will not** be considered.

CIEE staff does not directly manage absences at FAMU and ECES, but they have similar attendance policies and attendance is monitored there. Grade penalties may result from excessive absences.

CIEE Academic Honesty Policy

CIEE subscribes to standard U.S. norms requiring that students exhibit the highest standards regarding academic honesty. Cheating and plagiarism in any course assignment or exam will not be tolerated and may result in a student failing the course or being expelled from the program. Standards of honesty and norms governing originality of work differ significantly from country to country. We expect students to adhere to both the American norms and the local norms, and in the case of conflict between the two, the more stringent of the two will preside. Three important principles are considered when defining and demanding academic honesty. These are related to the fundamental tenet that one should not present the work of another person as one's own.

The first principle is that final examinations, quizzes and other tests must be done without assistance from another person, without looking at or otherwise consulting the work of another person, and without access to notes, books, or other pertinent information (unless the professor has explicitly announced that a particular test is to be taken on an "open book" basis).

The second principle applies specifically to course work: the same written paper may not be submitted in two classes. Nor may a paper for which you have already received credit at your home institution be submitted to satisfy a paper requirement while studying overseas.

The third principle is that any use of the work of another person must be documented in any written papers, oral presentations, or other assignments carried out in connection with a course. This usually is done when quoting directly from another's work or including information told to you by another person. The general rule is that if you have to look something up, or if you learned it recently either by reading or hearing something, you have to document it.

The penalty ranges from an F grade on the assignment, failure in the course to dismissal from the program. The Academic Director is consulted and involved in decision making in every case of a possible violation of academic honesty.

Weekly Schedule

Week 1	<p>Introduction Expectations, a field trip, activities to introduce each other and share stories about multicultural issues.</p>
Week 2	<p>Minorities in the historical context Situation in Czechoslovakia 1910–1938; situation of minority groups during Communism; situation in the Czech Republic after 1989. Relations between minority groups and majority population from international perspective.</p> <p>Bhopal, K. (2004). 47–64. Devine, D. (2005). 49–69.</p>
Week 3	<p>Multicultural Education in the Czech context Multicultural education from an international perspective; influence of societal context on implementation of multicultural education; Multicultural education in the light of culturalism and multiple-identities approach.</p> <p>Banks, J., A. (ed.) (2004). 3 - 15. Moree, Dana. <i>Chapter 1</i>. Moree, D., Klaassen, C. & Veugelers, W. (2008).</p>
Week 4	<p>Friday: All Day Workshop with Czech Students Guest speaker</p> <p>Identity Identity versus ethnicity; ethnicity as a part of multiple identities approach; culturalism versus multiple identities approach and intersectionality.</p> <p>Bauman, Z. (2004). Howard J. A. (2000). 367–393</p>
Week 5	<p>Intercultural issues on the background of transformation</p>

Influence of political transformation on the value system;
multicultural education as a laboratory of intercultural relations;
education system in Czechoslovakia and in the Czech Republic before
and after 1989.

Marková, I. (ed.) (2004). 1 – 25.

Moree, Dana. (2013). 586 – 608 (online 1469-3704).

Week 6
Midterm Exam
Period

Theater of the Oppressed

Guest speaker

Culture

Onion model of culture; symbols, rituals, value system and pre-
assumptions. Influence of culture on daily situations.

Samovar, L., A.; Porter, R., E.; McDaniel, E., R. & Roy, C., S. (2013).
Chapter 6

Trompenaars, F. (1989). 1 – 28.

Week 7
Midterm Exam
Period

Intercultural sensitivity

Contact theory; intercultural sensitivity theory; analysis of specific
situations in the light of intercultural sensitivity theory.

Gordon, P. S. (2005). 423 – 429.

Hammer, M., R., & Bennett, M., J., & Wiseman, R. (2003). 421 – 443.

Week 8

Integration

The link between assimilation, integration, marginalization and
segregation from the perspective of minority and majority groups.
Integration in the light of daily situations; integration in education
system, the case of the Czech Republic.

Berry, J., W. (1997). 5 – 68.

Week 9

Processes of exclusion and Power issues

Power as a means of segregation; exclusion from the perspective of
group dynamics; ethnicity as a factor of exclusion; visibility versus in-
visibility as part of processes of exclusion.

Anthias, F. (2011). 204 – 216.

Week 10

Intercultural communication

Communication models; culture as the third dimension of
communication; cultural misunderstandings; analysis of specific
situations in the light of the introduced theoretical concepts.

Week 11

Stigma and racism

Intercultural evening from 7 till 10 pm in CIEE together with Czech
friends and colleagues.

Theory of stigma; macroaggressions; stigma and racism; victims and oppressors in the light of the stigma concept. Methods of overcoming exclusion and hate speech.

Link, Bruce, G. & Phelan, Jo, C. (2001). 363–385.

Crocker, Jennifer & Major, Brenda (1989). 608 – 630.

Week 12

Methods how to work with these topics

Intercultural issues in education system and as a part of citizenship education; culture versus structure in concrete situations.

Parker, W., C. (2007).

Power, F., C. & Power, A., M. (2008). “Civic Engagement, Global Citizenship and Moral Psychology.” In: Oser, F., K. & Veugelers, W. (eds). *Getting Involved; Global Citizenship Development and Sources of Moral Values*. Rotterdam: Sense Publisher.

Final Exam Week

Final reflection

No individual presentations.

Final paper

Course Materials

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Bauman, Z. (2004). *Identity*. Cambridge: Polity Press.

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Bhopal, K. (2004). “Gypsy Travellers and Education: Changing needs and changing perceptions.” *British Journal of Educational Studies* 52: 47–64.

Crocker, Jennifer & Major, Brenda (1989). “Social Stigma and Self-Esteem: The Self-Protective Properties of Stigma.” *Psychological Review* 96, no. 4: 608–630.

Devine, D. (2005). “Welcome to Celtic Tiger? Teacher responses to immigration and increasing ethnic diversity in Irish schools.” *International Studies in Sociology of Education* 15: 49–69.

Gijsberts, M. (2004). *Ethnic minorities and Integration; Outlook for the Future*. The Hague: Social and Cultural Planning Office.

Gordon, P. S. (2005). "Not a Mormon; Confessions of a Dangerous Nomo." *Cultural Studies* 19: 423–429.

Hammer, M., R., & Bennett, M., J., & Wiseman, R. (2003). "Measuring Intercultural Sensitivity: The intercultural development inventory." *International Journal of Intercultural Relations* 27: 421 – 443.

Howard J. A. (2000). "Social Psychology of Identities." *Annual Review of Sociology* 26: 367–393

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Moree, Dana. "How Teachers Cope with Social and Educational Transformation: Struggling with Multicultural Education in the Czech Classroom." Benešov: Eman, 2008. ISBN 978-80-86211-62-6.

Moree, D., Klaassen, C. & Veugelers, W. (2008). "Teachers' Ideas about Multicultural Education in a Changing Society: the case of the Czech Republic." *European Educational Research Journal* 7. ISSN 1474-9041.

Parker, W., C. (2007). "Imagining a Cosmopolitan Curriculum. A Working Paper Developed for the Washington State Council for the Social Studies." Seattle: University of Washington.

Power, F., C. & Power, A., M. (2008). "Civic Engagement, Global Citizenship and Moral Psychology." In: Oser, F., K. & Veugelers, W. (eds). *Getting Involved; Global Citizenship Development and Sources of Moral Values*. Rotterdam: Sense Publisher.

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Trompenaars, Fons (1989). *Riding the Waves of Culture*. Fairfield.