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THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

KIN 465 | INTERCULTURALISM, HEALTH & PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

COURSE OUTLINE

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Seminar Time & Location: Tuesdays, 9:30-11:00am, Thursdays, 9:30-11:00am, Osborne Building – Room 203

Office Hours: Bryna, Jennifer and Danni are usually available immediately following the class. If you want to set up a different meeting time please e-mail Bryna.

Prerequisite: 4th year standing

Description: The purpose of this course is to critically examine debates around multiculturalism and interculturalism as they relate to the delivery of community-based physical activities for diverse populations. **Interculturalism refers to connecting across cultural difference to foster mutual learning to create something new that contributes to social change.** The course will also explore how physical activity is connected to health in different cultural contexts and the implications this poses for the kinesiology profession. Community service learning is a key component, as is experiencing physical activities that you are culturally unfamiliar with.

Learning outcomes:

In KIN 465, students will:

1. Demonstrate critical thinking as they consider the connections between theory, practice, and personal experiences in promoting interculturalism, health and physical activity. (Assessment – Learning Journal and CBEL Projects).
2. Observe, participate in, and learn more about how physical activity is practised in cultural contexts that differ from their own heritage and consider how physical activity may be used to foster interculturalism. (Assessment – Intercultural Physical Activity Experience.)

3. Apply and share intercultural learning with others. (Assessment – Current Events which is part of Class Participation).

Format: This course will strive to create a ‘learning community’ based on principles of adult dialogic education that have been applied in a number of cultural/ethnic contexts (Vella, 2002)¹. Examples include: understanding we are all learners and teachers; learning is enhanced when it is connected to emotions, dialogue, and lived experience; that learning requires high levels of engagement and self-discovery; and learning can be demonstrated in a variety of traditional and non-traditional ways. Class members will actively participate in class by coming prepared to discuss the readings, sharing a current event, presenting an intercultural physical activity, and presenting a small group Community-Based Experiential Learning (CBEL) project. The intent is to provide a safe space where all class members can discuss new ideas and take some risks concerning their own frames of reference in a supportive and anti-oppressive learning environment. Class members will strive to embrace and operate from the learning principles by Vella (2002) the entire term.

COURSE ASSIGNMENTS

1. CBEL Group Project (50%)
 - a. Final Report (20%)
 - b. Presentation (20%)
 - c. Peer-Evaluation (10%)
2. Learning Journals (15%)
3. Intercultural Physical Activity presentation (15%)
4. Class Participation and Current Event Presentation (5% +15%=20%)