

Bridging Classroom and Community: Languages and Cultures in Action
CLC/GER/ITA/SPAN 2500F
Winter 2017
(tentative)



(University College and the bridge that connects Richmond Street to Western Main Campus)

Course Description

By engaging with critical and creative explorations, we will investigate issues of identity, memory, immigration, prejudice, stereotype, and intercultural dialogue. Students will be involved in collaborative projects with members of the London community, to document the richness its cultural diversity. By recording audio and/or visual interviews with their community partners, students will be able to enrich London's local history and at the same time, bridge theory and practice of intercultural communication and competence within the Arabic, Hispanic, German, Italian, and Japanese communities. These languages are part of the MLL department offering. This course is part of the Curricular Community Engaged Learning offering for 2016-2017.

Course Objectives:

- 1) to understand the basic concepts and theories pertaining to intercultural communication and competence
- 2) to develop cultural awareness and foster intercultural sensitivity
- 3) to be able to analyze critically one's own cultural background, and other cultures of the world
- 4) to understand and appreciate cultural similarities and differences, and to transfer local understanding to a global setting

Required Texts will be available at Western's Book Store, and in OWL.

Marking Scheme:

Classroom and Community Participation: 15%
Reading Quizzes: 20%
Community Engaged Learning (CEL) Project Outline: 5%
Community Engaged Learning (CEL) Project: 40%
Guided Reflections: 20%

The University of Western Ontario
Department of Modern Languages and Literatures

Common statement for all MLL courses on academic accommodation, academic offenses, support services

The Department of Modern Languages and Literatures Policies which govern the conduct, standards, and expectations for student participation in Modern Languages and Literatures courses is available in the Undergraduate section of the Department website at <http://www.uwo.ca/modlang/undergraduate/policies.html>. It is your responsibility to understand the policies set out by the Senate and the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures, and thus ignorance of these policies cannot be used as grounds of appeal.

Missed Assignments

Students seeking academic accommodation on medical or non-medical grounds for any missed tests, exams, participation components and/or assignments must apply to the Academic Counseling office of their home Faculty and provide documentation. Academic accommodation cannot be granted by the instructor or department. Please refer to the Policy on Accommodation for Medical Illness <https://studentservices.uwo.ca/secure/index.cfm> and download a Student Medical Certificate (SMC): <https://studentservices.uwo.ca>