

COMS 356: Intercultural Communication

Intercultural Field Experience and Research Paper (20 points):

This assignment requires that you engage with and learn about a culture that is different from your own. The important consideration here is **involvement**, not just as a bystander or observer, but **engagement** with people from a cultural group other than your own. Attendance at cultural events or rituals, spending time at places where people from the culture hang out, along with interviews of people from the culture are all excellent ways to engage with the cultural group you select. As you do your field experience, **you will also support your understanding of the culture through library research.** Examples and ideas will be discussed in class. **Must include Introduction paragraph, Body paragraphs (with a., b., c., etc. in beginning of paragraph to identify which question you are answering, and Conclusion paragraph.**

For this assignment, students are required to **write a five-seven page (double-spaced) paper that must include all 5 parts in the Body of your essay:**

- A. A description of the cultural experiences
 - **Write an overview of the experience (e.g., foods, decorations, stories, etc.)**
- 1. Analysis of the experience using theories and concepts from the course
 - **Must cite concepts, key-terms, definitions, and examples from textbook**
- 2. Support for field research through library resources
 - **Must cite scholarly journals, books, etc.**
 - **Must use and cite 4 – 6 sources (scholarly articles, books, etc.)**
- 3. A summary of reflections on what you have learned from the experience
 - **(changed preconceived notions, differences/similarities of your culture)**

References/Work cited page required! (not included as one of your 5 – 7 pages)

- **Must cite sources in text and in bibliography (4 – 6 Scholarly Sources—not including the textbook/course reader)**
- **Must attach 2-3 pictures from event (one picture with you in it)**