

# INTERCULTURAL COMMUNICATION: A PEACE BUILDING PERSPECTIVE [SPECIAL TOPICS COURSE]

Peace seems elusive in our increasingly connected and conflict-ridden world. Therefore, it is even more essential to pursue peace when differences are being politicized to create chasms and wars rather than mutual understanding and respect. This special topics course will focus on how the ways in which we communicate and represent can help build peaceful communities and communication across cultural and ideological differences. Using a peace building framework, it will delve into how culture permeates and influences our everyday lives and shapes the dynamics of our friendships, family relationships, classroom and workplace environments, and media perceptions when we encounter and engage people and cultures different from our own in domestic and transnational contexts.

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