DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGES AND CULTURES, WESTERN UNIVERSITY

Bridging Classroom and Community: Languages and Cultures in Action CLC/GER/ICC/ITA/SPA 2500G (Winter 2021)

Mondays 9:30 11:20 am & Wednesdays 9:30 10:20 am (classes will be held synchronously via Zoom)

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Course Description:

This course develops intercultural competence, specifically cultural humility, through an examination of individual experiences of learning and maintaining language and cultural heritage in our community. We will connect interactive in-class activities about identity and memory, understandings and misunderstandings, and community and social justice with community-engaged learning projects of digital storytelling.

Learning Outcomes:

The overarching learning objectives for the course are to bridge the theory and practice of Intercultural Communication via academic content from Arabic, German, Hispanic, Italian, and Japanese cultures; practice and reflect on cultural humility; connect global and local communities through community-engaged learning; link students through active learning strategies; engage with technology to solve problems and achieve the goal of creating digital projects.

Course Evaluation:

Reflections (30%)

Reflection is the structured and intentional consideration of experiences. Keep in mind the 4 Cs of Reflection Connected, Continuous, Challenging, Contextualized-in order to effectively reflect on a topic.

Connected: Reflection helps you develop meaningful connections between course content and your community-engaged learning experience using digital tools. Continuous: Since reflection is an ongoing process, you should continuously reflect on classroom discussions and activities, course content, and your own experiences. Challenging:

*The course syllabus and calendar may be modified at any time during the course, if necessary.