TAS 4900—Human Interaction and Cultural Development  
Three Semester Hours

PREREQUISITES:
None

COURSE DESCRIPTION:
This three-credit special topic course covers components of developing healthy relationships, particularly in the workplace. The course focuses on developing four areas: focus on the individual, focus on others, focus on diversity, and focus on work and life. In today’s culturally diverse world, positive human interactions are key to success.

METHODS OF COURSE INSTRUCTION:
All material for this course is print-based. Instructor and students communicate and exchange materials through postal mail.

E-PRINT OPTION:
In this course, an option exists to use e-mail to submit your lesson assignments. Your assignment will be returned to you either as an e-mail attachment or as a hard copy sent through the postal mail, depending on the preferences of the instructor and/or program.

TEXTBOOKS AND SUPPLIES:


Note: An alternative assignment is available for students without access to The Shadow of Hate.

NUMBER OF LESSONS:
The course has nine lessons and no supervised course examinations. The lessons include:
- Lesson 1: Human Interaction Overview/Picture Slideshow
- Lesson 2: Moral Dilemma
- Lesson 3: Media Analysis
- Lesson 4: Conflict Resolution
- Lesson 5: Change Model
- Lesson 6: Style Analysis on You and Reflection on Text
Lesson 7: People Styles Paper
Lesson 8: Diversity Reflection on *The Shadow of Hate*
Lesson 9: Diversity Exercise

**TYPES OF WRITING ASSIGNMENTS:**

You can submit your assignments by mail, e-mail, or fax. To do the writing assignments well, you need first to complete the reading assignments and have a good understanding of all new concepts, definitions, etc.

Handwritten assignments are acceptable for some assignments, but the preferred method is a typed assignment, double-spaced using 12-point font and one-inch margins. It should be typed using Microsoft Word or in a PDF format. As with all assignments, good grammar and standard written English are paramount.

**GRADING CRITERIA:**

Your final grade will be determined by your grades on the submitted writing assignments and the two examinations, as follows:

- Reflections (3 @ 50 points each): 150 Points
  - On Others: Conflict Resolution Model
  - On Diversity: Shadow of Hate
  - On Work and Life: Change Model
- Style Analysis on You and Reflection on Text: 100 Points
- Moral Dilemma: 50 Points
- Media Analysis: 100 Points
- People Styles Paper: 200 Points
- Picture Slide Show: 200 Points
- Diversity Exercise: 200 Points
- TOTAL: 1,000 Points