

## PLNU Honors Program

### Learning Outcome:

FELO2c: Students will demonstrate an understanding of the complex issues faced by diverse groups in global and/or cross-cultural contexts.

### Outcome Measure:

HON3050

Humanities Honors Portfolio and Integrative Essay

Portfolio: Select 7-12 written assignments in Humanities Honors Courses that represent your best work and provide the basis for your integrative essay.

Integrative Essay: Write a 5-7 page essay that integrates various strands of insight into your personal, spiritual, and intellectual growth.

### Criteria for Success:

70% of students completing the Humanities Honors Program will reach Level 3 or higher as directed in the ACCU Intercultural Knowledge and Competence VALUE Rubric.

### Longitudinal Data:

	Number of Students	% Scoring 3 and Above	Criteria Met?
Spring 2024	20	96	Yes
Spring 2023	4	90	Yes
Spring 2022	16	93	Yes
Spring 2021	22	80	Yes

### Conclusions Drawn from Data:

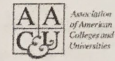
It appears that the Program has met the criteria for success.

### Changes to Be Made Based on Data:

None at this time. Continue gathering data.

# INTERCULTURAL KNOWLEDGE AND COMPETENCE VALUE RUBRIC

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### Definition

Intercultural Knowledge and Competence is "a set of cognitive, affective, and behavioral skills and characteristics that support effective and appropriate interaction in a variety of cultural contexts." (Bennett, J. M. 2008. Transformative training: Designing programs for culture learning. In *Contemporary leadership and intercultural competence: Understanding and utilizing cultural diversity to build successful organizations*, ed. M. A. Moodian, 95-110. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.)

*Evaluators are encouraged to assign a zero in any work sample or collection of work that does not meet benchmark (all one) level performance.*

	Capstone 4	3	Milestones 2	Benchmark 1
<b>Knowledge</b> <i>Cultural self-awareness</i>	Articulates insights into own cultural rules and biases (e.g. seeking complexity, aware of how her/his experiences have shaped these rules, and how to recognize and respond to cultural biases, resulting in a shift in self-description.)	Recognizes new perspectives about own cultural rules and biases (e.g. not looking for sameness; comfortable with the complexities that new perspectives offer.)	Identifies own cultural rules and biases (e.g. with a strong preference for those rules shared with own cultural group and seeks the same in others.)	Shows minimal awareness of own cultural rules and biases (even those shared with own cultural group(s)) (e.g. uncomfortable with identifying possible cultural differences with others.)
<b>Knowledge</b> <i>Knowledge of cultural worldviews frameworks</i>	Demonstrates sophisticated understanding of the complexity of elements important to members of another culture in relation to its history, values, politics, communication styles, economy, or beliefs and practices.	Demonstrates adequate understanding of the complexity of elements important to members of another culture in relation to its history, values, politics, communication styles, economy, or beliefs and practices.	Demonstrates partial understanding of the complexity of elements important to members of another culture in relation to its history, values, politics, communication styles, economy, or beliefs and practices.	Demonstrates surface understanding of the complexity of elements important to members of another culture in relation to its history, values, politics, communication styles, economy, or beliefs and practices.
<b>Skills</b> <i>Empathy</i>	Interprets intercultural experience from the perspectives of own and more than one worldview and demonstrates ability to act in a supportive manner that recognizes the feelings of another cultural group.	Recognizes intellectual and emotional dimensions of more than one worldview and sometimes uses more than one worldview in interactions.	Identifies components of other cultural perspectives but responds in all situations with own worldview.	Views the experience of others but does so through own cultural worldview.
<b>Skills</b> <i>Verbal and nonverbal communication</i>	Articulates a complex understanding of cultural differences in verbal and nonverbal communication (e.g., demonstrates understanding of the degree to which people use physical contact while communicating in different cultures or use direct, indirect and explicit/implicit meanings) and is able to skillfully negotiate a shared understanding based on those differences.	Recognizes and participates in cultural differences in verbal and nonverbal communication and begins to negotiate a shared understanding based on those differences.	Identifies some cultural differences in verbal and nonverbal communication and is aware that misunderstandings can occur based on those differences but is still unable to negotiate a shared understanding.	Has a minimal level of understanding of cultural differences in verbal and nonverbal communication; is unable to negotiate a shared understanding.
<b>Attitudes</b> <i>Curiosity</i>	Asks complex questions about other cultures, seeks out and articulates answers to these questions that reflect multiple cultural perspectives.	Asks deeper questions about other cultures and seeks out answers to these questions.	Asks simple or surface questions about other cultures.	States minimal interest in learning more about other cultures.
<b>Attitudes</b> <i>Openness</i>	Initiates and develops interactions with culturally different others. Suspends judgment in valuing her/his interactions with culturally different others.	Begins to initiate and develop interactions with culturally different others. Begins to suspend judgment in valuing her/his interactions with culturally different others.	Expresses openness to most, if not all, interactions with culturally different others. Has difficulty suspending any judgment in her/his interactions with culturally different others, and is aware of own judgment and expresses a willingness to change.	Receptive to interacting with culturally different others. Has difficulty suspending any judgment in her/his interactions with culturally different others, but is unaware of own judgment.