

English 102: Spring 2009: Cross-Cultural Connections: Dr. Anu C. Narula

Course Description

This course is meant to enhance our understanding of a rapidly “shrinking” world, in terms of the pressing reality of global and local issues. It will promote our awareness of the third world cultures through an inquiry-based approach, aligned with a set of rhetorical strategies that are crucial instruments for forging connections through communication. In the course of investigating the concerns and challenges that confront the global community, the students will hone their writing skills in the organization of research-based materials into formal papers and presentations that make an effective use of the multi-media, “hands-on” survey, academic and field research, as well as linguistic and stylistic tools. The respective readings focus on subjects like the after-effects of colonialism, migration and ethnicity, gender relations, war, human rights, environment, and poverty amidst the new economy.