



HELLENIC REPUBLIC

**National and Kapodistrian
University of Athens**

**SCHOOL OF PHILOSOPHY
Faculty of Philosophy, Pedagogy and Psychology
Department of Psychology**

Vasileios G. Pavlopoulos

Assistant Professor of Cross-Cultural Psychology

Cross-Cultural Psychology (PSY56)

Description

Cross-Cultural Psychology is a required course for Psychology students. It is taught in the spring semester (3 hours per week) and it corresponds to 5 credits according to the ECTS system.

Content

Goals and scope of Cross-Cultural Psychology, historical roots and relations with other disciplines; methodological issues: the emic-etic distinction, levels of analysis, data equivalence; similarities and differences in behavior across cultures: cognitive styles, intelligence, child development and cultural transmission, personality and social behavior, values, individualism and collectivism, gender behavior, aggressive behavior, acculturation and intercultural relations.

Grading

Based on (a) a 3-hour written exam, or alternatively (b) a written assignment, i.e. a long essay comprising literature review or a research project on a specific topic. A 10-point scale is used (where 10='excellent', 5='pass', 1-4='fail').

Basic texts

Berry, J. W., Poortinga, Y. H., Segall, M. H., & Dasen, P. R. (2002). *Cross-Cultural Psychology* (2nd ed.). Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.

Smith, P. B., & Bond, M. H. (1997). *Social Psychology across cultures* (2nd ed.). London: Prentice Hall.