

Cross-Cultural Competence

You Don't Have to Go Far

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Let(s) go!

- Lead the way in teaching
- Enable choice
- Tolerate Mistakes
- Supply intermittent feedback
- Give Freedom to explore
- Offer space for mindful reflection and expression

Preparation for immersion: Concepts and Psychology

- Culture General

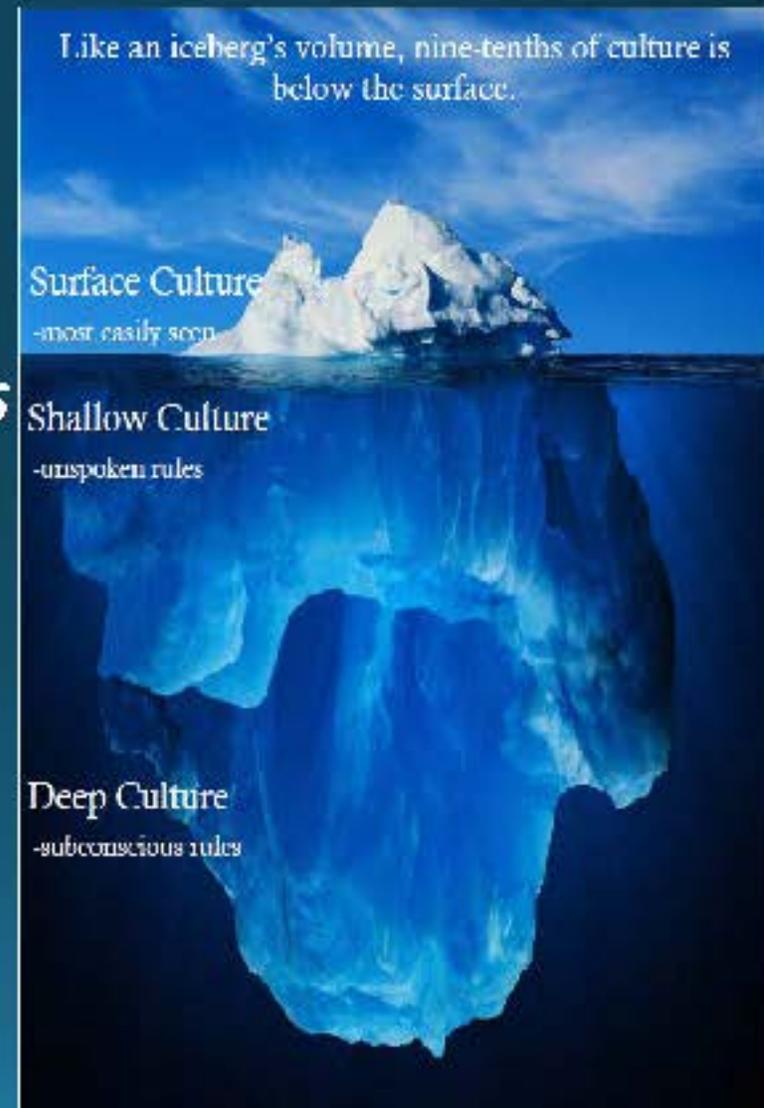
- Focus on concepts that can be found in all cultures*

- Culture Specific

- Focus on a particular culture*

- Emotional preparation

- Culture Shock*



Midshipman designed Iceberg



What is Cultural Learning?

The ability to:

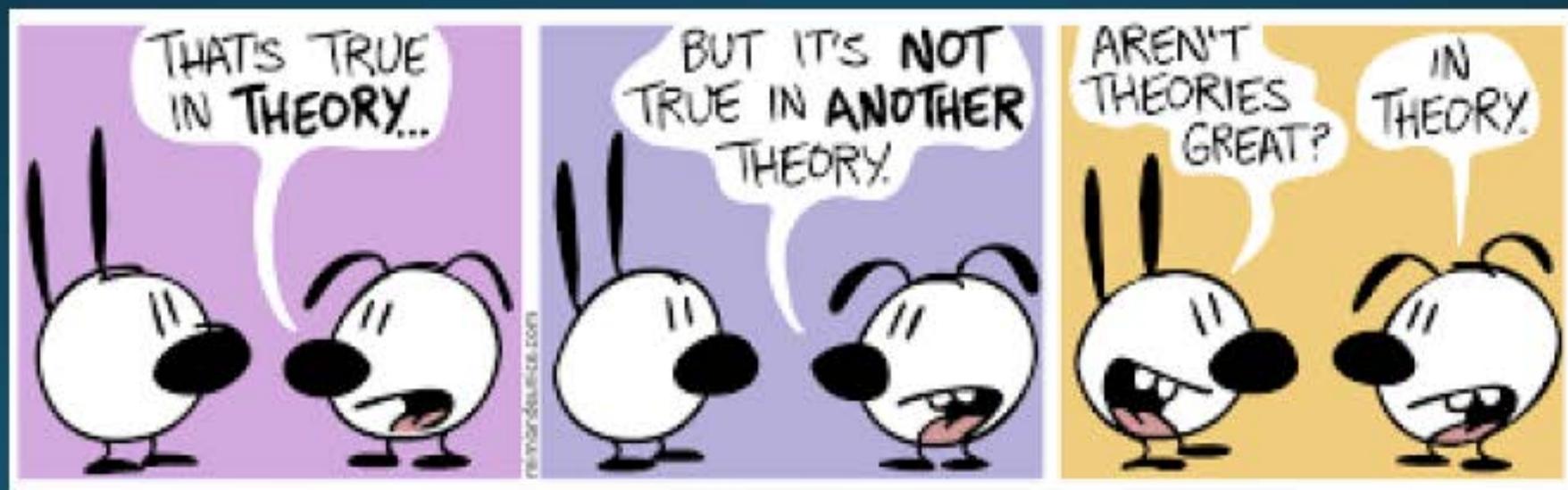
- Understand myself as a cultural being
- learn and employ culture-general concepts and knowledge (the notion of world view and universal behavioral) domains

In order to:

- make sense of cultural contexts, situations or environments.

Defining cultural spaces

- Some theory
- Some examples
- Lots of brainstorming and discussion



USNA Spaces

- Subcultures
- Physical spaces
- Good for learning to observe and take notes

Annapolis cultures

- Coffee shop culture
- Different grocery stores (eg. whole foods vs. safeway)
- Street cultures (Main, Maryland, West (upper/lower), West Annapolis...)
- Campuses (AACC, St. Johns)
- Bookstores and libraries
- Ethnic communities (small store front restaurants, mobile eateries, stores...)
- Age defined communities: playgrounds, senior citizen spaces
- Athletic spaces (parks, shores, clubs)
- Etc.

Ethnography beyond... but not far

A trip to Gallaudet University:

Deaf Culture

Deaf Spaces

Deaf Ethnicity

American Sign Language



From Fieldwork to Analysis and Interpretation

- Gathering and sorting out the stuff
- Finding themes
- Applying analysis
- Describing
- Interpreting
- Presenting