

INTERCULTURAL COMM MIDTERM REVIEW GUIDE

It is always difficult to come up with a concrete study guide for the type of exam that the material we have covered in class requires. The bulk of the material breaks down between the more systematic and process oriented content of the articles (primarily the Samovar et al *Communication Between Cultures* chapters) and the more short theoretical material (like the Carey and Hall readings). In very general terms this is the material that you should have a thorough knowledge of. The screenings (Babel and Do The Right Thing) are also materials that you should be familiar with and be able to talk about and relate them to the readings and the approaches to InterCultComm we have encountered during this first half of the semester.

The exam will be divided into three sections: 1) Ids and Definitions; 2) Short Answer and 3) A long essay question. You will get a choice of questions in Section 1 & 2. Everyone will answer the same question for Section 3.

Studying tips: There are good 'Summary' and 'Discussion Ideas' sections at the end of the Samovar et al chapters. That's a good place to start for terminology (the bulk of the Definitions will come from these readings). As far as the reading materials go concentrate on the theoretical and methodological approaches. The actual case studies presented in the text should simply serve as illustrations. EXAMPLES of terminology you should be familiar with: proxemics; cultural identity; intercultural communication; power distance; stereotypes; etc.

A sample short answer question would be: *What are the components of the communication process?* or *List and discuss four nonverbal communication codes* or *Compare Carey's understanding of communication processes with Hall's...* Again, these are possible questions but they should help you review the material by indicating the type of knowledge that is required of you.

The final question will specifically involve your ability to distinguish and reflect on the barriers to intercultural communication.

Apologies if this is not the kind of study guide you all expected. I can just add that if you have read, discussed and thought about the material in the readings, our class discussions and lectures and the screenings you should well be on your way.

Enjoy.