

David will be teaching an intensive course (five days from 9 till 4:30), scheduled in person or through ZOOM, at Saint Stephen's College, University of Alberta, Edmonton, May 29 through June 2, 2023.

The public is invited to audit or take the course for credit. The title of the course is

Diversity in Faith and Culture [SSC547]

My Faith, My Culture and the 'Other': Spiritual Pathways to Healing & Health

Multicultural competence and interfaith discourse are increasingly needed in 21st century living. This course will provide an opportunity to look at one's own culture, beliefs and traditions reflectively while also exploring the culture, beliefs and traditions of others. Gaining increased knowledge about multicultural topics and skills for interfaith communication can further professional functioning and interdisciplinary collaboration. The prefix multi and the suffix culture imply many integrated patterns of human behavior, including thoughts, communications, actions, customs, beliefs, and values as they relate to racial, ethnic, religious, or social groups. Similarly, the prefix inter and the suffix faith imply many integrated inroads for discourse between faith groups and religious traditions informed by historical, ritual and scholarly diversity, including founding narratives, core beliefs, sacred texts, guiding values or doctrines, and religious practices. Using assigned readings, classroom discussion and small group activities, the course aims to heighten awareness, knowledge, skill and relationship across diverse faiths and cultures. Our emphasis will be on Judaism, Orthodox Christianity, Islam & Buddhism with consideration also of indigenous religions and other Asian traditions.

For additional information including the course syllabus contact David Goa at davidgoa@telusplanet.net

For information on registration contact Saint Stephen's College: <https://www.ualberta.ca/st-stephens/st-stephens-programs/ssc-courses.html>