COURSE: IST123 Diversity in a Technological Society   **3 credits**

INSTRUCTOR: **SEMESTER/YEAR: SP/18**

COURSE DESCRIPTION: Diversity in a Technological Society will explore the influences of technology to connect and collaborate to improve the lives of diverse individuals at home and abroad. Students are introduced to basic human relationship factors, international cultures, global communities, disabilities, issues relating to stereotypes, discrimination, power and privilege, and other cross-cultural social issues. Any technologies can be considered, but at minimum we will address human and data communications, robotics, artificial intelligence, computer security, and historical technologies along with the individuals who have influenced culture through them.

TEXTBOOK: Diversity Consciousness: Opening Our Minds to People, Cultures, and Opportunities Fourth Edition. Richard D. Bucher, Pearson, 2015. ISBN: 978-0-321-919069

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:
- General Education Outcome #1: The student will be able to critically analyze and evaluate issues derived from the social sciences utilizing appropriate methodologies.
- General Education Outcome #2: The student will be able to demonstrate how culture, society, and diversity shape the role of the individual within society and human relations across cultures.
- Describe the effects of technology on the changing cultural landscape.
- Demonstrate and use software designed to help people with disabilities.
- Identify people who have contributed to advances in diversity and technology (combined topics) and emerging technologies.

TOTAL HOURS OF COURSEWORK FOR ONLINE CLASSES:
To earn one academic credit at HCC, students are required to complete a minimum of 37.5 clock hours (45 fifty-minute "academic" hours) of coursework per semester per credit. Those hours of coursework may be completed through a combination of hours within the classroom and hours outside the classroom. Certain courses may require more than the 37.5 minimum hours of coursework per credit. For this particular class, a 15-week 3 credit class the average student would expect to work 9 fifty-minute "academic" hours per week (or 7.5 hours per week). Some students may need more and some students may need less for this course.

Hours Required	Topic
36	Reading in textbook (9 chapters)
12	Quizzes (9)
8	2 – exams
27	Projects & Presentations (9)
9	Forum Postings (9)
10	Online Research (for all research required in this course)
20	Topic Assignment and Research Paper (1)
122	Total hours needed to complete the course on an average

Services for Students with Special Needs: Students may receive reasonable accommodations if they have a diagnosed disability and present appropriate documentation. Students seeking accommodations are required to contact the Disability Support Services (DSS) office as early as possible. Students may contact a DSS staff member for an appointment at dss@hagerstowncc.edu or at 240-500-2530.