

Global Learning Semesters

Course Syllabus

Course: LALI-270 Intercultural Communication

Department: Language

Host Institution: University of Nicosia, Nicosia, Cyprus



Course Summary		
Course Code	Course Title	Recommended Credit Hours
LALI-270	Intercultural Communication	3
Semester Offered	Contact Hours	Prerequisites
Please contact us	42-45	LALI-141
Department	Level of Course	Language of Instruction
Language	Lower Division	English

Course Description

The overall goal of this course is to develop an understanding of the process of communicating across cultures, by giving students an in-depth understanding of cultural issues and of the basic concepts of intercultural communication. More specifically the course will prepare students for a world of global contact by developing an awareness of cultural diversity issues and communication across cultures by drawing on the latest developments in linguistic, psychological, anthropological and sociological theory. It aims to help students become more effective communicators who can recognize causes of intercultural conflict, adapt to unfamiliar cultures, and contribute to greater cooperation.

Prerequisites

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Topic Areas

1. Defining and understanding culture
2. Defining intercultural communication
3. Culture and discourse systems
4. Cultural differences in language use
5. Politeness in cross-cultural and intercultural communication
6. Hofstede's value dimensions
7. Power and Culture
8. Nonverbal communication and culture
9. The role of context in intercultural communication
10. Intercultural challenges (Stereotyping, prejudice, racism, culture shock, ethnocentrism)

Readings and Resources

Possible Textbook

- Samovar, L. & Porter R. (2004) Communication Between Cultures (5th Edition). Thomson, Wadsworth.

Recommended Reading

- Dodd, C. (1995) Dynamics of Intercultural Communication, Madison, Brown and Benchmark.

- Hofstede G. (2001) *Culture's Consequence: Comparing Values, Behaviors, Institutions and Organizations across Nations*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.
- Gudykunst, W and Yum Kim, Y. (1997) *Communicating with Strangers: An Approach to Intercultural Communication*, 3rd edition, NY, McGraw-Hill.
- Leigh, J. and Loo, E. (editors) (2004), *Outer Limits: A Reader in Communication and Behaviour Across Cultures*, Melbourne, Language Australia.
- Lustig, M. and Koester, J. (1998) *Intercultural Competence: Interpersonal Communication Across Cultures*, 3rd edition, NY, Longman.
- Samovar L. A. and Porter R. (2004) *Intercultural Communication. A Reader* (10th Edition). Thomson, Wadsworth.
- Scollon R. and Scollon S. (2002) *Intercultural Communication. A Discourse Approach*. Blackwell.