

Module description

The Cultural Compass

Navigating the Route to Success in a New Culture.

Time: Tuesdays:

19.05. from 17.30 – 19.45 online (Zoom)
02.06. from 17.30 – 19.45 online (Zoom)
09.06. from 17.30 – 19.45 online (Zoom)
16.06. from 17.30 – 19.45 online (Zoom)
23.06. from 17.30 – 19.45 online (Zoom)

Course Language: All lectures and course materials are in English

Credits: 2 ECTS for exchange students

Lecturer: Dr. Vinita Balasubramanian

Assessment Presentation in tandems/tridems. Minimum participation required

Prerequisites: Fluency in English at B2 level

Level: Bachelor's and Master's level

Teaching Format: Input, group work, self-study

Content

This course invites you to reflect on your own cultural identity against the framework of your new host country. It explores a range of cultural aspects of German culture, both on a need-to-know and a nice-to-know basis. It stimulates awareness of the perspectives and skills needed to manage your educational, personal and professional environment.

- Introduction to culture and intercultural competency
- The shaping of today's Germany: values, beliefs and assumptions
- Communication patterns and discourse management
- Practices and traditions in Germany

Learning outcomes

- Critical thinking on cultural assumptions and biases
- Enhanced knowledge of German culture
- Managing the German environment through appropriate interaction

Workload and Prerequisite for recognition of credit (CP):

Presence in all sessions + presentation in tandems/tridems.

After successful participation students will receive a certificate of attendance.

Registration:

