

# Module description

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# Intercultural Competence

Time: once a week

Course Language: all lectures and course materials are in English

Credits: 2 ECTS

Lecturer: Dr. Michael Geiger

Assessment: individual oral examination

Prerequisites: fluency in English

Teaching format: We will watch film clips, read newspaper articles and you will be asked to participate actively in classroom discussions.

Level: Bachelor's and Master's level

### Content

It is not just immersing ourselves in a foreign culture that gives us intercultural competence, but rather consciously dealing with the differences between one's own and another's culture.

We work in particular with questions of cultural identities and social values that play such a vital role in today's era of globalization. The seminar conveys the theoretical basics of intercultural communication as well as the cultural standards of selected cultural areas.

### Learning outcomes

- Become aware of one's own cultural socialization
- Ability not to understand intercultural patterns of action against the background of one's own culture. Recognition of independence and respect for the foreign culture.
- Willingness to correct one's own prejudices, dominance intentions, fear of threats, thought and behavior patterns
- Ability to endure ambiguities and contradictions without reacting inappropriately.
- Ability to empathize with different behaviors and communication patterns and to change perspective.
- Willingness not to cling to the contrast of divergent cultural standards, but to combine them synergistically.
- Willingness to understand the exceeding of acceptance limits from the perspective of the other
- Willingness to act as a bridge builder in the international team and to build stable relationships
- Interest in foreign cultures