



COURSE SYLLABUS

Intercultural and International Communication, 7.5 credits

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Course Code:	LICA17	Education Cycle:	First-cycle level
Confirmed by:	Faculty Programme Director Jan 17, 2008	Disciplinary domain:	Social sciences
Version:	4	Subject group:	MK1
		Specialised in:	G1N
		Main field of study:	Media and Communication Science

Intended Learning Outcomes (ILO)

On completion of the course, the student should be able to:

- Define and recognize cultural factors that affect the communication process.
- Show understanding of the sociological and psychological signs a person goes through during the adaptation to a new culture.
- Reflect over the process of becoming interculturally competent.
- Develop skills in effectively functioning in a cross-cultural environment.

Contents

Focus is placed on the application of theory and research in intercultural communication. Both cross-cultural (comparisons of communication across cultures) and intercultural (communication between members of different cultures) communication are emphasized. Topics include:

- Swedish culture, comparison of cultures.
- Worldview, ethnocentrism, non-verbal communication.
- Cultural values and identity, the deep structures of culture.
- Multiculturalism and Cultural Change.
- Immigration, integration and cross-cultural work.

Type of instruction

Lectures, structured discussions in multi-culture groups with written and oral reports, seminars around written assignments. Guest lectures.

The teaching is conducted in English.

Prerequisites

- General entrance requirements.
- Fluency in English equivalent to at least a 575 (paper-based scale) or 90 (internet-based scale) TOEFL score. IELTS: with an overall band score of 6.5 and no part under 5.5. Competency in Swedish language is not required.

Examination and grades

The course is graded Fail (U), Pass (G) or Pass with Distinction (VG).

Two written assignment. Active attendance at lectures, work-shops and seminar.

Grades given are VG, G and U for Swedish students and the ECTS grading scale A-E, FX and F for the international students.

The grade is translated to the ECTS grading scale (A, B, C, D, E, Fx or F).

Registration of examination:

Name of the Test	Value	Grading
Examination	7.5 credits	U/G/VG

Course evaluation

There will be continual assessment during the course. A written evaluation of the entire course upon completion is required.

Other information

This course is designed for students/professionals wishing to increase their intercultural understanding and to gain the tools for building international ties. Students will explore their own culture, begin to perceive the impact of culture on daily life, learn some of the basic theories of cross-cultural communication and work towards achieving cross-cultural competence.

Course literature

Literature

Samovar A, Porter R, McDaniel E (2007) Communication Between Cultures.

7th edition or International edition. Thomson. Belmont, CA. 400 pages

Articles, 100 pages