



## COURSE SYLLABUS

# Intercultural and International Communication, 7.5 credits

*Interkulturell och internationell kommunikation, 7,5 högskolepoäng*

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Course Code:	TIKA17	Education Cycle:	First-cycle level
Confirmed by:	Dean Feb 2, 2009	Disciplinary domain:	Technology (95%) and social sciences (5%)
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Version:	2	Main field of study:	Industrial Engineering and Management
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### 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 like.
- 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

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.

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

- Cultural inheritance and Swedish mentality
- 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 admission requirements and English B.

## Examination and grades

The course is graded Fail (U), 3, 4 or 5.

Two written assignment.

Active attendance at lectures, work-shops and seminar.

Registration of examination:

Name of the Test	Value	Grading
Examination	7.5 credits	U/3/4/5

## Course literature

### Literature

Samovar A, Porter R, McDaniel E (2006) Communication Between Cultures. International Ed.  
Cengage Learning