

3. INTERCULTURAL AWARENESS

Learning about a culture, different from your own, can be very empowering and enrich your life in more ways than one. Sharing ideas with fellow students from a different country can broaden your horizons and will be to your advantage in your future career.

In this summer course you will work on becoming more aware of your own background and how our own cultural programming can influence the way you perceive people from other cultures. It will put your ways of doing things in a different perspective. This will help you in your future career. The world has become more and more multi-cultural and it is important to become intercultural competent in how you will deal with your fellow citizens. This course will focus on the 5 steps towards intercultural competence:

Cultural self-knowledge

Cultural self-knowledge is having insight in and being aware of your own cultural programming, the values and norms from your upbringing and the fact that you look through your own cultural lens. By investigating and becoming aware of this you will learn how these factors influence your opinions and behaviour.

Cultural knowledge

Cultural knowledge helps you to gain insight in the similarities and differences between cultures and the role culture plays in opinions and traditions, for instance regarding education.

Intercultural skills

In order to gain intercultural sensitivity, you need skills such as observing, listening, analysing, interpreting, evaluating and connecting.

Intercultural sensitivity

You are inter-culturally sensitive if you are capable of not only looking at matters from your own perspective but also from a different culture's perspective. By putting yourself in the other person's shoes, you will be able to behave professionally regardless of cultural context. You are aware of your boundaries and without losing your identity. You can easily and respectfully move between different cultural frames of reference.

Intercultural competence

Intercultural competence allows you to effectively and appropriately communicate in intercultural situations. You are capable of using more than one frame of reference.

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