

Intercultural Communication and International Higher Education

Study programme	YUFE Joint Bachelor in Urban Sustainability Studies
Academic year	2026/2027
Curriculum component	First year
Year and semester	1st year, semester 2
Course type	Elective
ECTS credits	3
Contact hours (L+S+E)	15 + 15 + 0
Language of instruction	English

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Prerequisites

No requirements.

Course objectives

Drawing on key intercultural communication frameworks, students will analyze and identify the factors that influence intercultural communication, and connect them to their own intercultural experiences.

Learning outcomes

- Analyse key aspects of (intercultural) communication.
- Critically reflect on intercultural communication theories.
- Apply intercultural communication theories and research to practical situations.

Course content

- Introduction to the course
- Conceptualizing culture and intercultural competence
- Theoretical Basis of intercultural communication
- Case study: The self and the other
- Cultural dimensions
- Language and culture
- Styles of communication
- Autobiography of Intercultural Encounters

- Developmental Model of Intercultural Sensitivity
- Intercultural competence in higher education
- Assessing intercultural competence
- Story Circles
- Student presentations
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- Wrap-up

Teaching and learning methods

lectures and seminars and workshops.

Assessment and grading

(10 pts.) Active participation in class activities and discussions. As part of the intercultural learning portfolio, students will compile the following: (10 pts.) Case Study (analysis and reflection); (20 pts) Autobiography of Intercultural Encounters (Council of Europe) (analysis and reflection); (20 pts) UNESCO Story Circles (analysis and reflection); (40 pts) Presentation (critical and reflexive analysis of an intercultural encounter that the student has personally experienced or observed).

Grading scale

Grade	Percentage
5 (A)	90-100%
4 (B)	75-89.9%
3 (C)	60-74.9%
2 (D)	50-59.9%
1 (F)	0-49.9%