

## What is the Intercultural Awareness Certificate (IAC)?

The Intercultural Awareness Certificate (IAC) offered by DMU Global gives DMU students the opportunity to have an internationally-themed experience on campus, without the need to travel overseas. This programme of activity will develop knowledge, skills and values helping you to become informed, engaged and responsive global citizens. You will enhance your intercultural awareness and knowledge of global issues through participation in a range of different experiential learning activities throughout the year (approximately 30 hours of activity).

### Aims

The aims of the Intercultural Awareness Certificate (IAC) are to:

- Understand the concept of intercultural competence - the knowledge, skills and attitudes that underpin effective intercultural interactions
- Assess and develop your own intercultural awareness/competence
- Gain an understanding of differences and respect for diversity through interactions with people from different cultural backgrounds
- Support the development of a range of soft skills (teamwork, resilience, communication, self-awareness etc.) that are valued by employers

### Programme overview

Through the workshops, intercultural activities, reflective work and overseas trip, students will engage in a cycle of activity lasting for the 2021-22 academic year, from October 2021 to June 2022, as outlined below:

### Timeline of activity

Stage	Activity	Date	Details
1	<b>Application and acceptance</b>	Friday 29 October 2021	All students are required to complete an application on the website by the deadline of Monday 25 October, 9am. Decisions will be communicated to all applicants by Friday 29 October.
2	<b>DMU Global Introductory Session</b>	November 2021	The introductory session (1 hour) will take place on campus and will give students an overview of the IAC and the planned activities and expectations for engagement.
3	<b>Common Purpose Global Citizenship Course</b>	November 2021	All IAC students will be enrolled on the Common Purpose Global Citizenship Course. The 10 hour course takes place online between Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> November and Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> December, you can complete the weekly assessments in your own time.

4	<b>Introductory Workshop</b>	December 2021	<p>The introductory workshop (2.5 hours) will take place on campus.</p> <p><u>Dr Karen Malan</u> (Senior Lecturer and Programme Leader for the MSc in Intercultural Business Communication at LCBS) will give an introduction to the concept of intercultural awareness as part of the workshop.</p>
5	<b>Intercultural experiences</b>	Between November 2021 and March 2022	<p>You can also engage in a range of optional supplementary intercultural experiences that will enhance your learning. These may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TEFL 50 hour combined course (£50 fee)</li> <li>• Learn a foreign language (£30 fee)</li> <li>• Lectures based around a range of global issues and themes with SDG16 Hub</li> </ul>
6	<b>Global Issues Workshop</b>	February 2022	<p>A follow-up workshop (2.5 hours) with interactive activities delivered by Dr Karen Malan. The session will focus on a range of global issues, and will help inform student's choice of topic for the reflective piece of work.</p>
7	<b>Reflection and Graduation</b>	April 2022	<p>All participants that complete the mandatory steps above will be asked to deliver a short 5 minute presentation about a topic, issue or intercultural experience of their own that has formed part of the programme. Creative approaches to the presentation are encouraged.</p> <p>Following completion of these steps, all students will be received their Intercultural Awareness Certificate in a mini graduation ceremony.</p>
8	<b>Intercultural Awareness Trip</b>	June 2022	<p>Participants will be invited to participate in an overseas DMU Global trip with an intercultural awareness and volunteering focus.</p> <p><b>Subject to approval by the University and providing travel is permitted, we hope to offer an overseas European trip for IAC Graduates in June 2022.</b></p> <p>The proposed trip will be to a European city for 4 days (TBC) with costs for flights and accommodation covered by DMU Global.</p>

## **Student expectations**

Due to the limited number of places available for this on-campus opportunity, we want to ensure that all students that accept their place are committed to the full year of activity and understand the requirements of the Intercultural Awareness Certificate. Details are provided below of our expectations of participation, and consequences for lack of engagement.

### **Participation and attendance**

All steps outlined in the timeline of activity are mandatory, with the exception of stage 4 'intercultural experiences'. Non-attendance at the workshops, volunteering or reflection and graduation may lead to your withdrawal from the programme.

Furthermore, participants are expected to behave appropriately and abide by the [University's Code of Conduct](#) and all terms outlined in the DMU Global Student Agreement.

### **Optional activities**

The additional intercultural experiences on offer (including TEFL, language learning and lectures) are optional for students to participate in, for those who want to have a more immersive international experience. Participation on these opportunities will be recorded and recognized on your final certificate.

### **Non-completion and withdrawal**

Students who fail to attend the activities or complete the required steps may be withdrawn from the programme at the discretion of the DMU Global Office.