What is the Intercultural Competence Course?

The **Intercultural Competence Course** at DMU Global is an exciting opportunity for you to engage in international themes right on campus. This course helps you build the knowledge, skills, and values you need to become an informed and responsible global citizen.

By joining this course, you'll learn about intercultural communication and the relationships between different cultures. You'll gain insights into various theories and personal experiences, helping you develop empathy, a sense of social responsibility, and awareness of cultural differences. These skills are valuable in today's global job market and can boost your employability in various sectors.

The course includes a mix of on-campus and online workshops. To get the most out of it, you'll need to participate actively, complete any assigned readings, and engage in coursework. You'll need to attend at least 80% of the sessions to earn your digital badge at the end.

Course Aims

The main goals of the Intercultural Competence Course are to:

- **Understand intercultural communication:** Learn the basics of effective communication and the skills needed for positive interactions across cultures.
- **Appreciate diversity:** Interact with people from different backgrounds to foster respect for their cultures.
- **Enhance communication skills:** Gain practical skills to communicate confidently with others from diverse cultures in everyday situations.
- **Embrace different values:** Learn to accept and appreciate the values and beliefs of others.
- **Develop self-awareness:** Reflect on your own behaviours and how they change in different cultural settings.
- **Boost employability:** Improve your soft skills like teamwork, resilience, and communication, which employers value.
- **Recognise bias:** Become aware of stereotypes and biases in society.
- **Value inclusivity:** Strengthen your appreciation for diversity and inclusion.

Programme overview

The course is designed around engaging sessions, workshops, and activities, running from November 2024 to March 2025. Here's what you can expect:

	Activity	Date and Venue*	Details
1	**DMU Global Introductory Session**	Wednesday 13 November 2024 1pm-2:30pm Venue: The Yard 1.05	Get an overview of the course, meet your fellow students, and learn about what's ahead.
2	**Intercultural Awareness (Part 1)**	Wednesday 27 November 2024 1pm-3pm Venue: The Yard 1.06	In this session, led by Damla Finch and Owen Sheridan, you'll be introduced to the concept of intercultural and self-awareness, exploring what culture is and how we perceive cultures different from our own.
3	**Intercultural Awareness (Part 2)**	Wednesday 11 December 2024 1pm-3pm Venue: The Yard 1.06	This follow-up session with Damla Finch and Owen Sheridan continues the exploration of intercultural and self-awareness.
4	*Europa-Universität Viadrina (EUV) and DMU students Activity*	*Deadline: 9am 13 January 2025*	Complete a Padlet task (details coming soon).

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5	**EUV and DMU students** *Virtual meeting*	Wednesday 15 January 2025 2pm – 4pm Venue: Zoom	Participate in a story exchange with students from Europa-Universität Viadrina (EUV) to make connections
6	**Working Across Cultures**	Wednesday 29 January 2025 1pm-3pm Venue: The Yard 1.05	Learn from Dr. Karen Malan about how cultural differences affect communication in the workplace.
7	***EUV and DMU students*** *Activity*	*Deadline: 9am 3 February 2025*	Complete another Padlet task (details coming soon).
8	**Global Migration: Multicultural Individuals and Societies**	Wednesday 19 February 2024 1pm-3pm Venue: The Yard 1.06	Explore how global migration shapes multicultural societies with Dr. Malan.
9	**Reflections and Graduation**	Wednesday 5 March 2024 1pm-4pm Venue: Trinity House – Chapel	Details to be confirmed. Digital badges will be awarded after this event.

*dates/hours/venues are subject to change

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