

Course description

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Course name:	Intercultural Communication 1		
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Department/Unit /	UJP / IKK1			Academic Year	2023/2024
Title	Intercultural Communication 1			Type of completion	Pre-Exam Credit
Accredited/Credits	Yes, 2 Cred.			Type of completion	
Number of hours	Seminar 2 [Hours/Week]				
Occ/max	Status A	Status B	Status C	Course credit prior to	No
Summer semester	0 / -	0 / -	0 / -	Counted into average	NO
Winter semester	0 / -	0 / -	0 / -	Min. (B+C) students	15
Timetable	Yes			Repeated registration	NO
Language of instruction	English			Semester taught	Winter semester
Optional course	Yes			Internship duration	0
Evaluation scale	S N				
No. of hours of on-premise					
Auto acc. of credit	Yes in the case of a previous evaluation 4 nebo nic.				
Periodicity	every year				
Specification periodicity					
Substituted course	CJP/IKK1				
Preclusive courses	N/A				
Prerequisite courses	N/A				
Informally recommended courses	N/A				
Courses depending on this Course	N/A				

Course objectives:

The aim of the course (conducted in English) is to develop intercultural competencies and language skills at the level B1/B2 of the CEF. The course is intended mainly for foreign students, where it is necessary to take into account the different levels of language competences. Interest in social and cultural issues and a willingness to discuss are expected, as well as potential interest in participating in joint activities of local student and non-student groups related to the issue of intercultural coexistence.

Requirements on student

presentation of the assigned topic
self-reflection
completion of continuous tasks assigned by the teacher

Content

Week 1 Introduction to the course; Individual international experience. Possibilities for intercultural contacts at the University of West Bohemia (esp. International Students' Club [ISC] - buddies).
Week 2 Language of discussion. Expressing one's opinion. Rules for intercultural communication.
Week 3 Culture. Defining the word "culture". What is culture for you. Types of cultures.
Week 4 Defining the word "multicultural". Multicultural aspects.
Week 5 Communicating across cultures. Cultural influences.
Week 6 Gender and communication. What is "masculine" and "feminine".
Week 7 Stereotyping and generalisation. Czech culture stereotypes.
Week 8 Body language. Communication styles. Communication and situational appropriateness.
Week 9 Exploring language. Definitions for prejudice, discrimination, racism, sexism, and homophobia

Week 10 Politeness in intercultural communication. Sexism in English and Czech. Political correctness. Discussing controversial issues.

Week 11 Students' presentations.

Week 12 Students' presentations.

Week 13 Consolidation and evaluation.

Fields of study

Guarantors and lecturers

- **Guarantors:** Mgr. Vendula Kokošková (100%)
- **Seminar lecturer:** Mgr. Svatava Heinlová, Ph.D. (100%), Mgr. Vendula Kokošková (100%)

Literature

- **Basic:** Utle, Derek. *Intercultural resource pack : intercultural communication resources for language teachers*. Cambridge : Cambridge University Press, 2004. ISBN 0-521-53340-6.
- **Extending:** Hofstede, G., Hofstede G.J. *Cultures and Organizations: Software of the Mind*. New York, 2004.

Time requirements

All forms of study

Activities	Time requirements for activity [h]
Preparation for comprehensive test (10-40)	10
Contact hours	26
Presentation preparation (report in a foreign language) (10-15)	15
Total:	51

assessment methods

Knowledge - knowledge achieved by taking this course are verified by the following means:

- Test
- Oral exam

Skills - skills achieved by taking this course are verified by the following means:

- Skills demonstration during practicum
- Individual presentation at a seminar
- Oral exam

Competences - competence achieved by taking this course are verified by the following means:

- Oral exam

prerequisite

Knowledge - students are expected to possess the following knowledge before the course commences to finish it successfully:

- identify the basic grammatical structures
- use the basic pronunciation rules
- use common vocabulary used in everyday situations
- form common grammatical structures correctly

Skills - students are expected to possess the following skills before the course commences to finish it successfully:

- manage a small talk
- express an opinion in a simple way
- use a range of phrases and sentences to describe in a simple way personal experience with a family, study and the student's surroundings
- talk about past events
- express hypothetical ideas about the present and future
- grasp the key points of written and spoken texts
- write a short text about personal experience

Competences - students are expected to possess the following competences before the course commences to finish it successfully:

N/A

N/A

teaching methods**Knowledge - the following training methods are used to achieve the required knowledge:**

- Practicum
- Field trip
- Textual studies
- Multimedia supported teaching

Skills - the following training methods are used to achieve the required skills:

- Practicum
- Individual study
- Discussion
- Collaborative instruction
- Lecture

Competences - the following training methods are used to achieve the required competences:

- Lecture

learning outcomes**Knowledge - knowledge resulting from the course:**

- use common grammatical structures appropriately
- use common vocabulary appropriately
- use basic vocabulary related to intercultural communication
- identify the basic means of discourse and corresponding language functions

Skills - skills resulting from the course:

- hold a dialogue politely and with an understanding of cultural differences
- take part in a discussion with understanding to key information
- interpret a topic, key ideas and key information in a simple text from the area of intercultural communication
- write a summary of a short text from the area of intercultural communication
- give a short presentation of the student's own culture
- reproduce the key idea of the heard presentation
- compare the main features of the value system of one's own national culture with the value system of other cultures
- express an agreement, suggestion etc.
- speak English basically correctly, mostly without the so-called common mistakes in English caused by the interference of one's own language
- use basic means of discourse and corresponding language functions

Competences - competences resulting from the course:

N/A

N/A

Course is included in study programmes: