COURSE DETAIL

INTERCULTURAL COMMUNICATION
Country Netherlands
Host Institution Utrecht University – University College Utrecht
Program(s) University College Utrecht
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Communication
UCEAP Course Number 101
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title INTERCULTURAL COMMUNICATION
UCEAP Transcript Title INTERCULTURAL COMM
UCEAP Quarter Units 6.00
UCEAP Semester Units 4.00

Course Description
The mobility of people within and beyond national borders, both in real and virtual life, has created the need for people to understand and interact with others who have a different (cultural) background. In these new situations, individual identities and established “recipes” for (intercultural) interaction are challenged and contested, often requiring (re)construction and (re)negotiation, or even abandonment. Individuals must develop new ways of learning and interacting, and skills of adaptation and adjustment, to engage competently in intercultural encounters. This course develops students' knowledge about and experience in dealing with interculturality and intercultural communication. Students learn about the role of culture, language, and power and how they impact human communication, the complexity of identity, the causes and consequences of processes such as stereotyping, and how people manage intercultural communication processes in these new situations. However, competent intercultural communication is not only obtained for knowledge, students must experience directly how people act, interact, and communicate – from their perspective. In this course, students get opportunities to learn through experience. Class discussions, student-led case presentations and activities such as games are complemented by the critical analysis of traditional media and social media, enhancing awareness of values, norms, and biases. This prepares students to engage with “Cultural Others” through a virtual exchange project. This project is an international project called CONNECT GLOBAL. Finally, students learn to critically self-reflect on, and evaluate, their own intercultural competence. They reflect on intercultural exchanges and encounters in a reflective paper in which critically links the theories and notions learned in the course to personal experience.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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