



APPLIES TO ACADEMIC YEAR 2003/2004

GRA 6333 Identity and Intercultural Communication

Program

N/A

Responsible for the course

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Communication - Culture and Languages

Term

According to study plan

ECTS Credits

6

Objective

This course aims at giving students an understanding and in-depth treatment of how communication and culture shape our identities and make a difference in intercultural encounters. The perspective that guides this course is the identity negotiation theory. Focus will be on the motif of identity security-vulnerability and on the concept of 'face' as the base that affects intercultural encounters. Identity is viewed as something that emerges via interaction with others when messages are exchanged between persons. Students should acquire the conceptual understanding and skills necessary for a manager whose commitments concern a larger vision of a diverse and global community.

Prerequisites

Managing Differences: Culture and Diversity

Compulsory literature

Ting-Toomey, Stella. 1999. *Communicating across cultures*. New York: The Guilford Press.

Compendium of research articles

Recommended literature

Course outline

Topics covered

1. Identity negotiation theory
2. Mindful intercultural communication
3. Face, face work and politeness
4. Intercultural personal relationship development
5. Identity change and intercultural adaptation
6. Transcultural communication competence

Computer-based tools

Course structure

36 hours.

Evaluation

Your course grade will be based on the following activities and weights:

Participation and presentation 20%, group term paper 30%, written exam 50% (3 hours)

Evaluation code(s)

GRA 63331accounts for 100 % of the final grade in the course GRA 6333.

Aids at the examination**Makeup exam**

At the next regular exam