

Multicultural world (KAJ 4077)
Summer semester

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Course Description:

With the increase of contact between members of different cultures, there is a great need to better understand ourselves and to be prepared to deal with the various (sometimes controversial) issues in cross-cultural communication. This course is designed to develop students' understanding of cultural differences and similarities, and let them recognize the importance of cross-cultural knowledge for successful language learning and teaching.

Course objectives:

By the end of the course, students in this class are expected to

- understand issues and concepts of intercultural communication
- expand cultural awareness of their own culture and that of others
- reflect upon cultural comparison in terms of change, ambiguity and respect

Credit requirements:

- In-class discussion of reading assignments.

- Reflective paper on the development of your own intercultural competence. **Due Week 6.**

A project investigating a selected cross-cultural issue, developed and carried out in a group of 3-4. Project stages will include the following *out-of-class steps*:

- **Selecting** an issue for research
- **Reviewing** pertinent literature or videos
- **Creating a handout** for peers with some key terms and their explanations

In class:

- Presenting the findings

Each presentation will be followed by discussion in class.