

Syllabus:
“Intercultural Training for Incoming Students”
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(a) Content and Approach

This training course is aimed to improve the cultural awareness of students who are spending their exchange semester at SUAS. Join the training to get the most out of your experience in your new surroundings!

(b) Learning Objectives

You will:

- Be prepared for your stay and study in Germany.
- Learn about the concept of intercultural competence and how it can be further developed across cultures.
- Learn more about the concept of culture, cultural dimensions and types, value orientations, stereotypes and how to prevent potential culture shocks.
- Learn with and from each other what moves people in different cultures, what values are important to them, how conflicts arise and how we can overcome them.
- Learn how relationships are built, what is important about them, and to make good use of this knowledge during your studies and while living in Schmalkalden.

In the course, we will:

- Discuss central aspects of intercultural communication in everyday life, study and work.
- Focus on topics in the intercultural context and learn how to grasp and communicate such things as the concept of culture, perception, stereotypes, multiculturalism and interculturalism, communication styles, critical incidents, as well as factual information about foreign cultural areas.

(c) Course Structure

- Wednesday, 03/05/2023, 14:30–19:30, room H0102

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(e) Course Assessment

- 1 ECTS (for exchange students) for a project work, exam date 14/07/2023 (only for administrative reasons, no presence required)

(f) Course Methodology

- Maximum 20 participants, minimum 5 participants.
- You will work in small groups and discuss practical cases and case studies.
- Physical class attendance is compulsory.