

Module description

The Cultural Compass

Navigating the Route to Success in a New Culture.

Time:	Tuesdays: 15.10. from 17.30 – 19.45 online (Zoom) 22.10. from 17.30 – 19.45 online (Zoom) 29.10. from 17.30 – 19.45 online (Zoom) 05.11. from 17.30 – 19.45 online (Zoom) 19.11. from 17.30 – 19.45 online (Zoom)
Course Language:	All lectures and course materials are in English
Credits:	2 ECTS for exchange students
Lecturer:	Dr. Vinita Balasubramanian
Assessment	presentation in tandems/tridems. Minimum participation required
Prerequisites:	Fluency in English at B2 level
Level:	Bachelor's and Master's level
Teaching Format:	Self-study in the form of a presentation

Content

This course invites you to reflect on your own cultural identity against the framework of your new host country. It explores a range of cultural aspects of German culture, both on a need-to-know and a nice-to-know basis. It stimulates awareness of the perspectives and skills needed to manage your educational, personal and professional environment.

- Introduction to culture and intercultural competency
- The shaping of today's Germany: values, beliefs and assumptions
- Communication patterns and discourse management
- Practices and traditions in Germany

Learning outcomes

- Critical thinking on cultural assumptions and biases
- Enhanced knowledge of German culture
- Managing the German environment through appropriate interaction

