

Intercultural Awareness Certificate

Student Handbook

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What is the Intercultural Awareness Certificate (IAC)?

The Intercultural Awareness Certificate (IAC) offered by #DMUglobal gives DMU students the opportunity to have an internationally-themed experience on campus, without the need to travel overseas. This programme of activity will develop knowledge, skills and values helping you to become informed, engaged and responsive global citizens. You will enhance your intercultural awareness and knowledge of global issues through participation in a range of different experiential learning activities throughout the year (approximately 20 hours of activity).

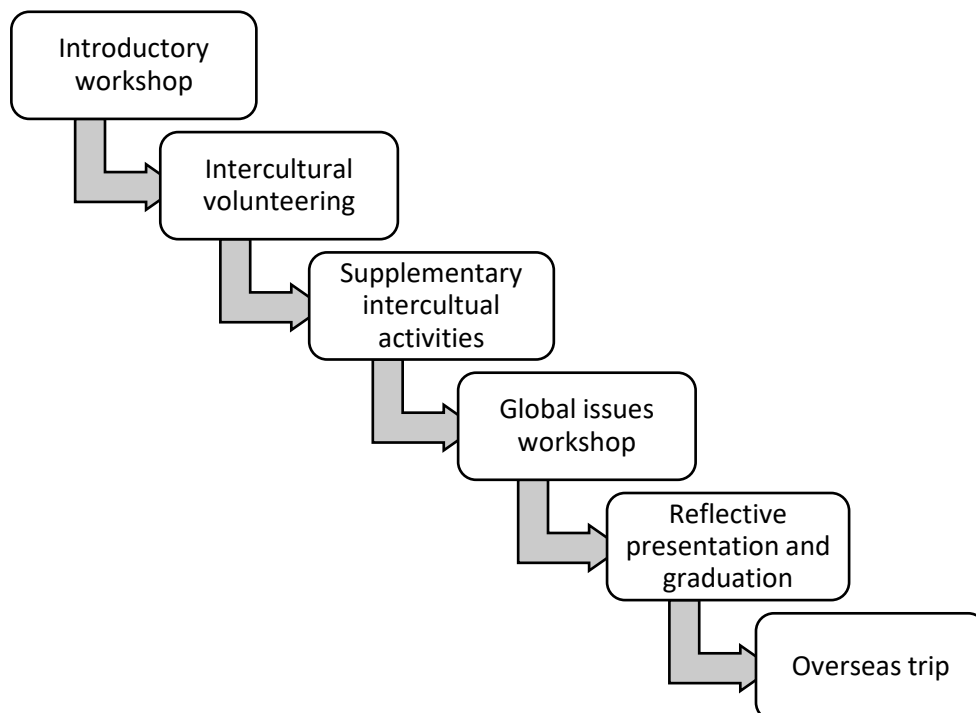
Aims

The aims of the Intercultural Awareness Certificate (IAC) are to:

- Understand the concept of intercultural competence - the knowledge, skills and attitudes that underpin effective intercultural interactions
- Assess and develop your own intercultural awareness/competence
- Gain an understanding of differences and respect for diversity through interactions with people from different cultural backgrounds
- Support the development of a range of soft skills (teamwork, resilience, communication, self-awareness etc.) that are valued by employers

Programme overview

Through the workshops, intercultural volunteering, reflective work and overseas trip, students will engage in a cycle of activity lasting for the 2019-20 academic year, from October 2019 to June 2020, as outlined below:



Timeline of activity

Stage	Activity	Date	Details
1	Application and acceptance	Friday 25 October 2019	All students are required to complete an application on the website by the deadline of Monday 14 October, 9am. Decisions will be communicated to all applicants by 25 October.
2	Introductory Workshop	Wednesday 20 November 2019	The introductory workshop (2 hours) will give students an overview of the IAC and the planned activities and expectations for engagement. Dr Karen Malan (Senior Lecturer and Programme Leader for the MSc in Intercultural Business Communication at LCBS) will give an introduction to the concept of intercultural awareness as part of the workshop
3	Volunteering with DMUlocal	Between 20 November 2019 and 2 March 2020	As part of the IAC, all participants are required to complete a minimum of 10 hours of volunteering of DMUlocal that has an intercultural focus and involves engagement with people from different cultures. Volunteering opportunities may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Red cross volunteering • Supporting with the organisation of refugee football matches • Engaging with Boot Room donations drives for sportswear for refugees • Attending drop-in sessions at the City of Sanctuary • 'Share a meal' which involves cooking dish and sharing at a meal event with refugees in the city
4	Intercultural experiences	Between 20 November 2019 and 2 March 2020	You can also engage in a range of optional supplementary intercultural experiences that will enhance your learning. These may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TEFL 50 hour combined course (£50 fee) • Learn a foreign language (£30 fee) • Evening lectures based around a range of global issues and themes (e.g. Brexit) • DMU Social Hub
5	Global Issues Workshop	Wednesday 22 January 2020	A follow-up workshop (2 hours) with interactive activities delivered by Dr Karen Malan. The session will focus on a range of global issues, and will help inform student's choice of topic for the reflective piece of work.
6	Reflection and	Wednesday 1	All participants that complete the mandatory steps above

	Graduation	April 2020	<p>will be asked to deliver a short 5 minute presentation about a topic, issue or intercultural experience of their own that has formed part of the programme. Creative approaches to the presentation are encouraged.</p> <p>Following completion of these steps, all students will be received their Intercultural Awareness Certificate in a mini graduation ceremony.</p>
7	Intercultural Awareness Trip	Sunday 7 – Thursday 11 June 2020	<p>Participants will be invited to participate in an overseas #DMUglobal trip with an intercultural awareness and volunteering focus.</p> <p>The trip will go to a European city for 4 days (Berlin, Brussels or Amsterdam TBC) and with costs for flights and accommodation covered by #DMUglobal.</p>

Student expectations

Due to the limited number of places available for this on-campus opportunity, we want to ensure that all students that accept their place are committed to the full year of activity and understand the requirements of the Intercultural Awareness Certificate. Details are provided below of our expectations of participation, and consequences for lack of engagement.

Participation and attendance

All steps outlined in the timeline of activity are mandatory, with the exception of stage 4 'intercultural experiences'. Non-attendance at the workshops, volunteering or reflection and graduation may lead to your withdrawal from the programme.

Furthermore, participants are expected to behave appropriately and abide by the University's Code of Conduct as specified here: <http://www.dmu.ac.uk/dmu-students/the-student-gateway/academic-support-office/student-regulations.aspx> and all terms outlined in the #DMUglobal Student Agreement.

Optional activities

The intercultural experiences on offer (including TEFL, language learning and lectures) are optional for students to participate in, for those who want to have a more immersive international experience. Participation on these opportunities will be recorded and recognized on your final certificate.

Non-completion and withdrawal

Students that fail to attend the activities or complete the required steps may be withdrawn from the programme at the discretion of the #DMUglobal Office. In addition, the £30 payment for the programme is non-refundable for students that do not complete.

Please note, the £30 payment for the IAC will be used to contribute towards the cost of your participation in the overseas trip. Students that complete the programme, but do not wish to go on the trip can request a refund.

