

Intercultural Awareness Certificate

Student Handbook

Global Mobility Office

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What is the Intercultural Awareness Certificate (IAC)?

The Intercultural Awareness Certificate (IAC) offered by DMU Global 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).

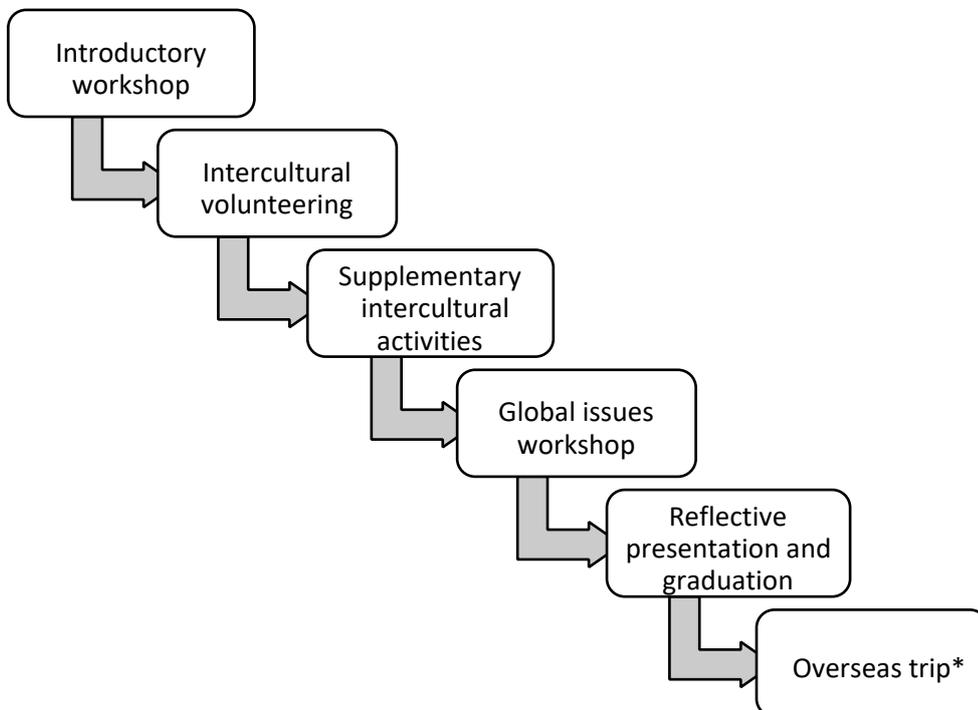
Aims

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 2020-21 academic year, from October 2020 to June 2021, as outlined below:



* Subject to approval by the University and providing travel is permitted, we hope to offer an overseas trip for Intercultural Awareness Certificate graduates in June 2021.

Timeline of activity

Stage	Activity	Date	Details
1	Application and acceptance	Friday 23 October 2020	All students are required to complete an application on the website by the deadline of Monday 12 October, 9am. Decisions will be communicated to all applicants by Friday 23 October.
2	Introductory Workshop	Wednesday 25 November 2019	The introductory workshop (2.5 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 DMU Local	Between 25 November 2020 and 26 March 2021	As part of the IAC, all participants are required to complete a minimum of 10 hours of volunteering of DMU Local that has an intercultural focus and involves engagement with people from different cultures. Volunteering opportunities may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting English classes in a local school • Attending the social drop-in sessions for refugees at the City of Sanctuary • 'Share a meal' which involves cooking dish and sharing at a meal event with refugees in the city • Working with local charities and DMU Local to host one off events.
4	Intercultural experiences	Between 25 November 2020 and 26 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)
5	Global Issues Workshop	Wednesday 20 th January 2020	A follow-up workshop (2.5 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 Graduation	April 2020	<p>All participants that complete the mandatory steps above 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	June 2021	<p>Participants will be invited to participate in an overseas DMU Global trip with an intercultural awareness and volunteering focus.</p> <p>Due to the current global situation, DMU has taken the decision to cancel all DMU Global overseas trips until further notice. Subject to approval by the University and providing travel is permitted, we hope to offer an overseas European trip for IAC Graduates in June 2021.</p> <p>The proposed trip will be to a European city for 4 days (TBC) with costs for flights and accommodation covered by DMU Global.</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](#) and all terms outlined in the DMU Global Student Agreement.

Optional activities

The additional 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 who fail to attend the activities or complete the required steps may be withdrawn from the programme at the discretion of the DMU Global Office. In addition, the £30 payment fee is non-refundable for students that do not complete the programme.

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